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Staffing updates for the School Committee

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The School Committee received updates on staffing in the Wilmington Public School district at their meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 24.

Human Resources Director Andrea Stern-Armstrong provided a general personnel overview that night. The information she delivered included all of the resignations, retirements, and new hires by unit.

Overall, Stern-Amstrong said that the district only had two full positions open as of that day. She mentioned that some temporary staff had been added for this year. Some positions were even filled earlier that day, with a verbal offer accepted for a counselor at the West Intermediate School.

One position she highlighted for which the district was struggling to hire was a speech language pathologist. However, she said that this is a problem across the state, not just in Wilmington, and that they were working with a temp agency to bring someone on with supervision.

School Committee Chair Jesse Fennelly asked about the issue hiring speech language pathologists. Stern-Armstrong answered that there is a shortage of applicants studying speech language pathology.

School Committee member Stephen Turner thanked Stern-Armstrong and her team for the work that they do. He shared that other districts have up to 30 unfilled positions at times, while Wilmington only has a few, which he recalled has been consistent over the past several years.

He said that this was a testament to the process and to the district that they are able to staff these schools.

Stern-Armstrong explained that their process begins in the spring when they begin learning about retirements and anticipated resignations, and some new hires are found before the end of the school year. She also said that they received some resignations between the late summer and the first few weeks of school.

David Ragsdale commented that the staffing report was astonishingly fluid. He said he could see how the district improved at hiring as he remembered years with more holes to fill at this time of year.

Turner noted that the district's turnover rate seemed normal for over 475 full time equivalent positions.

Stern-Armstrong said,

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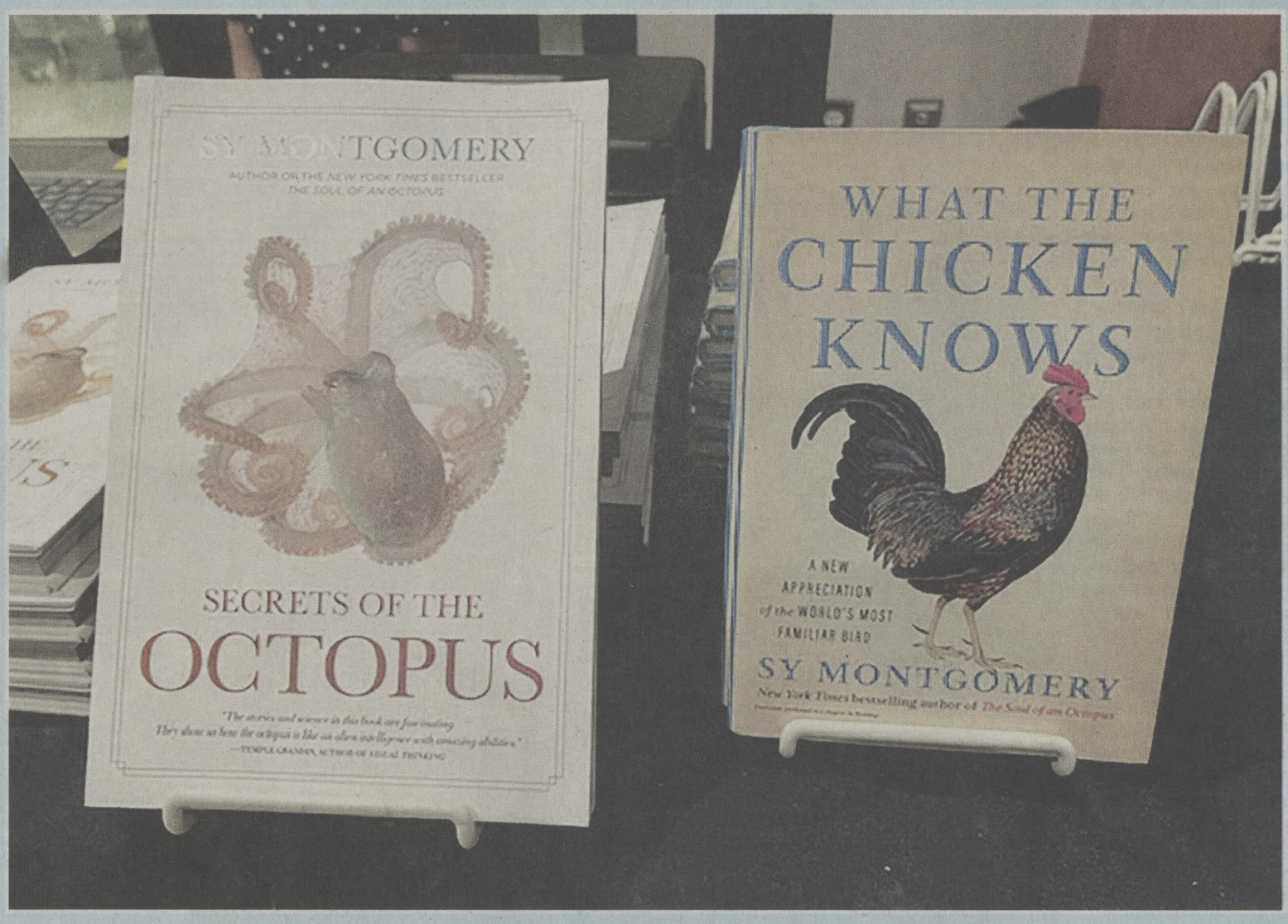
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▲ Sy Montgomery has authored 40 nonfiction books. As part of the Wilmington Library's Behind the Books series, books are for sale at each event and available for signing by the authors. The next event is May 14, 2026 when author and sportswriter Michael Holley comes to town. (Paige Impink photo)

Life lessons from animals

Author Sy Montgomery shares extraordinary encounters

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Residents were treated to an evening of adventure, inspiration, and heartwarming stories when acclaimed author and naturalist Sy Montgomery spoke at the Wilmington Senior Center last week. Known for her bestselling books "The Soul of an Octopus" and "What the Chicken Knows," Montgomery engaged the audience with tales of her encounters with wildlife across the globe — and the lessons these animals have taught her.

Montgomery's presentation was part travelogue, part memoir, and part meditation on the bond between humans and animals. She shared stories of meeting an ambassador cheetah in Namibia, swimming alongside pink river dolphins in the Amazon, and even attempting to track elusive snow leopards in Mongolia's Gobi Desert.

▲ Author and naturalist Sy Montgomery addressed over 200 residents at the Wilmington Senior Center, discussing her career and how animals are some of our best teachers. (Paige Impink photo)

She described how India's Bengal tigers once swam out to her boat in the Sundarbans — the only place in the world where healthy tigers routinely hunt people — saying, "So of course, I wanted to go there."

Montgomery emphasized that her life's work is rooted in learning from teachers of all kinds — both human and animal. Montgomery thanked her high school journalism teacher, Walter Clarkson, for inspiring her to write, then turned the spotlight to her many non-human "teachers."

"Sometimes the teacher doesn't look like Walter Clarkson," she told the crowd. "Sometimes they have four legs, six legs, eight legs — or no legs at all."

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School Committee receives high school, MSBA updates

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Wednesday, Sept. 24, the School Committee received updates on high school activities, the hall of fame wall, the MSBA project, and the budget calendar, among other items.

The high school student report came from students Megan Smith and Kia Dawn. These students described some of the recent topics in the history of Wilmington classes including the indigenous history and the Wildwood cemetery, and culinary arts class shucking fresh local corn which was served at lunch that day.

There was a 9/11 Club Display to commemorate the historic event and honor those lost that day. The high school students reported that the golf team made history by beating Winchester for the first time in school history, and the school Parent Advisory Committee donated the funding for ice trucks at a soccer double-header.

They looked ahead to the arrival of Spanish exchange students and the orchestra concert rescheduled to Oct. 10.

Athletic Director Dennis Ingram provided the update on the Hall of Fame Wall. He mentioned that the last step to completion would be the addition of lettering above the pictures which was late because they wanted it to match other lettering outside of the auditorium.

Ingram invited the committee to the dedication of the wall which was scheduled for Oct. 23 at 7:15 p.m. with a presentation and a reception afterwards at the Knights of Columbus. He thanked the Hall of Fame Committee and the Public Buildings Department for their collaboration.

School Committee member Steven Turner asked about the room for growth of the Hall of Fame Wall. Ingram stated that they had room for about 75 more plaques on one wall, and they could discuss the other side of the wall when necessary.

Dr. Jenn Bryson wondered about the response from students. Ingram answered that some students were asking questions about the people featured on the wall and looking ahead imagining themselves on it. Bryson also acknowledged that Ingram himself is in the Hall of Fame and on the wall, as he was inducted in 2012.

The committee voted to approve two DECA field trips to the Seaport and to Arlington, VA and to accept a donation to the multilingual learner program in the amount of $3,000. Turner highlighted that DECA fundraising allowed the trip to VA to cost the same amount as the trip to Boston.

Interim Superintendent Dr. David Thomson's report that night pertained to the MSBA, the WPD's therapy dog, and some of his upcoming efforts. He first established that the MSBA project would move into detailed design with funding procured by the two votes on Sept. 13 and 16. He explained that this stage would involve a scope

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Wilmington Library News:

WML's Tiny Art Show reception scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 8

Adult Programs

Drop-in Tech Help
Tuesday, October 7, 2pm
Wednesday, October 8, 2pm
Thursday, October 9, 2pm
Saturday, October 11, 2pm
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Slice & Dice — A Pizza and Table Top Game Night
Tuesday, October 7, 6-8pm
Join Librarians Mary and Marie for Slice & Dice, our monthly pizza and table top game night for adults. Each month, we'll kick off with a featured game, followed by open play where you can explore our game library or bring your own favorites to share with the group!

Tiny Art Show Reception
Wednesday, October 8, 6pm
Make sure to visit the first floor of the library to view the Tiny Art Show Artwork between 10/8-10/22! And join us for the reception on Oct. 8. Enjoy tiny treats and refreshments while viewing the teeny tiny artwork created by patrons of all ages on display at the library!

Craft & Chat
Wednesday, October 8, 6pm
Enjoy making a craft while socializing with others! This craft group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. This month's craft: felted skeleton. All craft supplies will be provided.

Fun & Function of iPhone
Thursday, October 9, 2:30 pm
Whether you're new to the iPhone or looking to unlock its hidden potential, this session will cover essential tips, tricks, and features to make your device both practical and enjoyable.

Needleworkers
Friday, October 10, 10am-12pm
This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy conversation and camaraderie. Drop-in.

Youth Programs

Wilmington Community Playgroup
Monday, October 6, 10am
Join Community Teamwork Family Resource Network for a community playgroup where we'll work on Early Literacy skills and much, much more! Ask CTI about any resources they can help provide for you and your family. Ages 0-6, siblings welcome.

College Essay Workshop
Tuesday, October 7, 6pm
In this workshop, led by professional college essay consultant Jenn Bryson, we will review the writing process, discuss the elements of a successful application essay, and peer edit essays. Grades 9-12.

▲ Join us for the Tiny Art Show Reception on Oct. 8 at 6 p.m. Enjoy tiny treats and refreshments while viewing the artwork created by patrons of all ages on display at the library! (Courtesy photo)

DnD 101 For Teens
Tuesday, October 7, 6pm
New players who wish to join our regular library campaign (or who just want to learn about the world's most popular role-playing game) should attend our 101 sessions, held monthly. Grades 6-12.

Crafternoon
Thursday, October 9, 3:45 pm
Make a fun craft with us during Crafternoon! This month we'll be making spooky clay pots. Grades 4-8

Music with Dara
Friday, October 10, 10am
With keyboard, felt board, and finger puppets, Dara weaves songs (old and new favorites) and creative movement for a fun-filled musical program! Ages 2-5, siblings welcome

Ghost Jars Craft
Saturday, October 11
Craft your very own pet ghost to keep in a jar! We'll use glow in the dark clay for an even spookier effect! Grades 6-12

Teen DnD
Saturday, October 11, 2pm
Looking for a group to play with? Join us for in-person Dungeons and Dragons at the library. You may also participate on Discord, a private server. Grades 6-12

Additional Information

Save the Date!
Mark your calendars for an evening with author and local sportscaster Michael Holley, on May 14! A Boston sports journalist, author and broadcaster, Michael Holley hosts shows on NBC Sports Boston and 98.5 The Sports Hub, while teaching at Boston University. A former Boston Globe journalist, he's also appeared on ESPN and Peacock. There will be a cash bar, book sales & autograph signing. This is a free event, open to all.

Check Out Our Library of Things
Did you know Wilmington Memorial Library circulates more than just books? Check out our Adult, Teen and Youth Library of Things for fun and useful items to take home. Items include: a talking book player, chromebooks, a pickleball kit, happy light, a tent and much more! See what's available at *https://wilmlibrary.org/lot/*.

Book Store Next Door
Regular hours are back at The Book Store Next Door! The bookstore is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10am-4pm.

Museum Passes
The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list by visiting *www.wilmlibrary.org/services/mp*.

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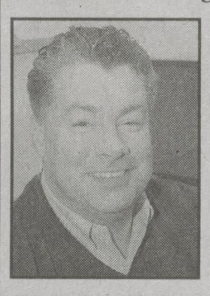

Frequently asked questions about the Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit – QUALIFYING EXPENDITURES AND CREDIT AMOUNT CREDIT:

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Is there a limit on the total amount of the credit that a taxpayer can claim?

Yes. The credit is generally limited to $1,200 for each taxpayer for any taxable year, with the exception of a $2,000 limit per taxpayer per taxable year for certain property (discussed in this answer below). Within the $1,200 annual limitation, there are further annual limitations for certain property:

- Exterior doors are capped at $250 per door, up to a total of $500 if multiple doors are installed.
- Exterior windows and skylights are capped at $600 in aggregate.
- Residential energy property expenditures for qualified energy property are capped at $600 per item of property (except for heat pump water heaters and heat pumps, and biomass stoves or boilers, which are subject to the limitation discussed in this answer below).
- The credit is limited to $2,000 for each taxpayer for any taxable year in the aggregate for electric or natural gas heat pump water heaters, electric or natural gas heat pumps, and biomass stoves or boilers. Thus, a taxpayer could claim a total credit of $3,200, if the taxpayer had sufficient expenditures in categories of property (or a home energy audit) subject to the $1,200 limitation and in categories of property subject to the $2,000 limitation.

Can taxpayers claim the credit for qualified property they install themselves?

Yes. However, qualified property performs optimally when installed by qualified professionals.

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WML thanks Ed Corcoran for Fall Fest photo op board

The Wilmington Memorial Library would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to Ed Corcoran for building a custom photo op board for this year's Wilmington Fall Fest. The library also gratefully acknowledges Wilmington Builders for generously donating the plywood needed for the project.
The photo op was a huge success, drawing countless families and festival-goers who stopped to snap pictures and enjoy the festive display. It was a highlight of the library's table at Fall Fest and helped showcase the creativity and community spirit that make events like this possible. The library is grateful to Ed Corcoran and Wilmington Builders for their time, talent, and generosity in helping to bring this special addition to Fall Fest.

(Courtesy photo)

Healey-Driscoll Administration releases Vision of a Graduate

ATTLEBORO — The Healey-Driscoll Administration released its Vision of a Massachusetts Graduate, an aspirational outline for how a Massachusetts high school diploma can prepare students — regardless of zip code, identity, or background — for success after graduation.

The vision revealed this morning at Attleboro High School is the first step in creating a new statewide graduation standard to ensure all students leave high school with the skills necessary to succeed in college, careers, and civic life. Spearheaded by Governor Maura Healey's Statewide K-12 Graduation Council and informed by thousands of survey responses, eight statewide listening sessions, and stakeholder engagement, the Vision of a Massachusetts Graduate identifies six key skills and competencies, centered around three core qualities: Thinkers, Contributors and Leaders, that will guide the preparation of high school students for the real world.

"Massachusetts has always led the way in education, and this Vision of a Graduate builds on that legacy," said Governor Healey. "We all need to work together to make sure our young people are prepared not only with strong academic skills but also with the problem-solving, collaboration and leadership abilities they'll need to succeed in every aspect of life."

"This vision reflects what our educators, students, families and community leaders have told us they want for our young people," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "This is about developing self-aware, confident graduates who can work with others, make thoughtful decisions, and contribute meaningfully to their schools, workplaces and communities."

Massachusetts graduates will be:

THINKERS

Academically Prepared: Graduates have a strong foundation across academic disciplines, equipping them with both the knowledge to thrive in college, career, and civic life and the skills to be lifelong learners.

Critical Problem-Solvers: Graduates critically examine information to draw connections, question assumptions, infer meaning, and shape solutions.

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Self-Aware Navigators: Graduates understand themselves, their strengths, and their opportunities and can effectively leverage their unique skills to navigate a variety of paths and environments.

Intentional Collaborators: Graduates engage respectfully and productively with diverse individuals and groups, recognizing the value of their unique perspectives, identities and experiences as well as those of others.

LEADERS

Effective Communicators: Graduates confidently and clearly express their ideas to diverse audiences across a variety of mediums.

Responsible Decision-Makers: Graduates can set and pursue personal goals, make healthy and financially sustainable choices, and demonstrate confidence and competence in shaping their lives.

"The Vision of a Graduate gives us a thoughtful, unifying blueprint for what it means to graduate high school in Massachusetts," said Education Secretary and Statewide K-12 Graduation Council Co-Chair Dr. Patrick Tutwiler. "It emphasizes that every student has the capacity to be a thinker, contributor, and leader and that our job as educators and communities is to nurture those qualities every step of the way."

"Through the important work of this council and the contributions of school districts and other stakeholders, we have defined key competencies high school graduates need," said Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner and Statewide K-12 Graduation Council Co-Chair Pedro Martinez. "There is a shared understanding that students should graduate with the skills needed to make decisions responsibly, contribute meaningfully to civic life and be prepared for postsecondary education."

"A student's K-12 experience has a tremendous impact on the path they choose after high school, along with how they are set up to succeed in their post-secondary education and careers," said Commissioner of Higher Education Noe Ortega. "I'm grateful that the Statewide Graduation Council is moving forward with a vision that focuses on the whole student and how they engage with information, their communities, and challenges that present themselves."

Governor Healey created the Statewide K-12 Graduation Council in January through Executive Order. The Council has met multiple times throughout the spring and summer to study and review current graduation standards across the country, assess existing graduation requirements in local school districts, and gather feedback from a diverse group of stakeholders, including students, families, educators, administrators, higher education experts and business leaders.

The Council conducted eight in-person and virtual listening sessions across Massachusetts, including one dedicated entirely to students. More than 400 educators, advocates, parents, students, business leaders, labor organizers and stakeholders participated in these listening sessions. The Grad Council also conducted a statewide survey that garnered feedback from 6,615 respondents. Additionally, 103 Massachusetts educators participated in a separate district leader survey.

The Graduation Council will unveil its initial findings for a statewide graduation standard later this fall, with a final report and proposed roadmap coming next year. The recommendations will include rigorous learning experiences and a mechanism to give the state confidence that all students are meeting these high expectations. The council will continue to meet to finalize those recommendations and to continue building consensus with many stakeholders.

The Graduation Council chose to unveil its Vision of a Graduate at Attleboro High School because the school's efforts around career-connected courses, Early College, and its own "Portrait of a Graduate" framework aligns closely with the council's goals and objectives.

"The City of Attleboro is committed to providing an exceptional education to every student in the community, and we are immensely proud of all of our students and educators," said Attleboro Mayor Cathleen De Simone.

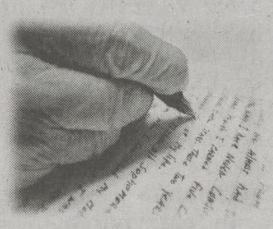
"As a Gateway City, our big, beautiful comprehensive high school stands as direct proof of that pride and commitment, and our belief that a quality education is the key to success in college, careers, and civic life. We are grateful to Governor Healey and Lt. Governor Driscoll for leading the effort to create the Vision of a High School Graduate and for ensuring that high school students in Attleboro and the Commonwealth leave high school with the skills they need to succeed in life."

"Here in Attleboro, we are using our Portrait of a Graduate not only to better answer the fundamental questions about why we do what we do, but more importantly, to create a bright throughline for all our educational experiences from preschool through graduation," said Attleboro Public Schools Superintendent David Sawyer. "Attleboro High School is already a leader in comprehensive education, and we embrace the effort to support the post-secondary success of all students."

"Ensuring that every student who graduates from a Massachusetts school meets clear, consistent, and rigorous standards is not only critical to student success beyond the classroom — it's also about fairness and opportunity," House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "The House is grateful to the Healey-Driscoll Administration and to the Graduation Council for their ongoing work towards establishing a statewide standard that reinforces the high expectations that all students across the Commonwealth deserve."

Learn more about the Graduation Council and work at *Mass.gov/K12 GradCouncil*.

Vote with your feet regarding the proposed battery storage site



Letter to the editor

To the editor,

The time is now. It is crunch-time. The Tewksbury lithium-ion project is now at the Massachusetts state level. Therefore, your attendance is critical at the state siting board public hearing on Thursday Oct. 9, 2025 at the Tewksbury Memorial High School at 6:30 pm.

This is where and how we VOTE WITH OUR FEET. We walk into that auditorium in large numbers. Numbers matter. Large numbers will show the state and the town that Tewksbury citizens care and stand up for the safety of our people. This is the time to take a stand and we do it with our feet by showing up on the 9th.

There are many potential dangers associated with lithium-ion sites. Thermal-runaway fire is one danger. This fire is intensely alarming because of how fast it spreads and the poisonous vapors it emits. Water and foam do not put it out. Lithium battery fires release a cocktail of dangerous and toxic fumes that can cause respiratory problems, skin and eye irritation, and even poisoning, making it crucial to avoid inhaling them.

Lithium-ion exposure also threatens conservation land and ground water. In a crisis, the possibility of resident, business and school evacuation pose many safety concerns and challenges. Constant noise pollution is a concern.

Lots of folks have asked: "When is the vote?" The hearing on Thursday, Oct. 9 at the high school at 6:30 p.m. is your chance to vote. But, the only way to vote is with your feet. Your attendance is your vote. Be there. Vote with your feet.

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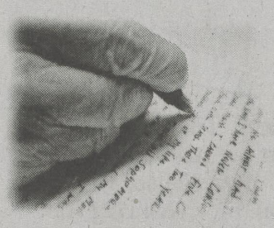

Letter to the editor

Speak out at Energy Siting Facilities Board hearing

To the editor,

There have been a number of demonstrations that have taken place along Main Street in Tewksbury over the past several months to protest the placement of a Lithium-ion Battery Energy Storage System facility in close proximity to a densely populated neighborhood. Many of you driving by have shown your support with a toot of the horn and/or a thumbs up. Your support has been appreciated.

It's now time to present our case. A public hearing is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9, at the Tewksbury Memorial High School, and your attendance is critical to show our resolve in having this facility placed away from occupied structures.

You will be given the opportunity to speak at the hearing, should you desire. The state Energy Facilities Siting Board will be accepting comments from the public that will be used in deciding whether or not the request to build the facility, in the proposed location, will go forward.

To provide oral comments during the hearing, notify Yonathan Mangesha at *Yonathan.Mengesha@mass.gov* or (617) 305-3544. Please provide your name, email address, mailing address, and docket number ("EFSB 25-08") by Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2025. Preregistered commenters will speak first and others will speak afterwards.

Thank you for your participation in opposition to this project.

Thomas Berrigan

▲ MassDEP Commissioner Bonnie Heiple presents Senator Bruce Tarr with MassDEP Regional Legislator of the Decade award. (Courtesy photo)

Sen. Tarr named MassDEP Legislator of the Decade

BOSTON — Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) has been named the MassDEP Regional Legislator of the Decade by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. At its most recent event held in the Northeast Region on Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025, MassDEP Commissioner Bonnie Heiple recognized Senator Tarr for his longstanding leadership and partnership in advancing environmental stewardship, public health protections, and sustainable policies that benefit communities across Massachusetts.

The award was given as part of MassDEP's yearlong 50th anniversary celebration, which has brought together staff, legislators, and advocates from across the Commonwealth.

"For five decades, Mass DEP has played a vital role in protecting the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the natural resources that define our Commonwealth," said Tarr. "This award reflects not just my efforts, but the collaboration of many who are committed to ensuring a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable future for Massachusetts."

Highlights of Tarr's environmental stewardship initiatives include:

• Leading efforts to authorize the removal of abandoned fishing gear from Massachusetts waters to protect right whales and marine ecosystems while supporting the livelihoods and economic resilience of the Commonwealth's commercial fishing industry through the inclusion of amendment language in the final version of H.5100, An Act relative to strengthening Massachusetts' economic leadership. This new law established the legal framework for the chronic nemesis of abandoned fishing gear to be removed from the state's waters through appropriate regulations promulgated by the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF). This bi-partisan, bi-cameral amendment was originally filed as a standalone bill (S.2793) in 2024.

• Securing funding to support environmental initiatives, including hundreds of thousands of dollars for Right Whale protection, water resiliency planning, and projects to combat erosion through natural solutions.

• Spearheading environmental legislation including a recent amendment included in the Climate Energy Bill (S.2967) that accelerates ecological restoration projects by eliminating delays, reducing costs, and protecting vital ecosystems — like the 1,000-acre Great Marsh Restoration Project in Rowley.

• Chair of multiple regional and legislative groups, uniting stakeholders to collaborate on driving solution-oriented outcomes to environmental challenges — including the Great Marsh Revitalization Task Force, Merrimack River Beach Alliance, Northeast Coastal Coalition, North Shore Water Resilience Task Force, Merrimack River Collaborative, and the legislature's Coastal Caucus.

• Championing clean water measures to safeguard drinking water, rivers, and coastal ecosystems — including, unifying local, state, regional and federal key stakeholders in solution-oriented, bipartisan collaborative partnerships such as the North Shore Water Resilience Task Force and the Merrimack River Collaborative.

• Protecting coastal communities through efforts to strengthen resiliency against flooding, erosion, and the impacts of climate change.

• Supporting renewable energy and efficiency measures to reduce costs for consumers while lowering emissions.

• Strengthening waste reduction and recycling programs to promote sustainability and reduce environmental impacts.

• Collaborating with local, state, and federal partners to secure resources and advance solutions for pressing environmental challenges.

Tarr added that he is "deeply honored to receive this recognition from MassDEP during such a milestone year for the agency."

MassDEP continues to mark its 50th anniversary with events across the state, celebrating 50 Years of Protecting Our Environment and Preserving Our Future while highlighting its history of service and ongoing commitment to addressing today's environmental challenges.

"MassDEP is proud to honor Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr as one of MassDEP's Legislators of the Decade," said MassDEP Commissioner Bonnie Heiple. "Whether it's restoring and protecting critical resources like the Great Marsh, or keeping North Shore rivers and water bodies clean, Senator Tarr has brought stakeholders together to tackle the most pressing environmental issues of our time."

MassDEP's mission is to protect and enhance the Commonwealth's natural resources — air, water, and land — to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of all people, and to ensure a clean and safe environment for future generations. In carrying out this mission, MassDEP commits to address and advance environmental justice and equity for all people of the Commonwealth, to provide meaningful, inclusive opportunities for participation in agency decisions that affect their lives, and to ensure a diverse workforce that reflects the communities it serves.

October is Italian American Heritage Month

Dear editor,

As many of you know, October is celebrated as Italian Heritage Month. As a proud Italian-American, and a member and past President of the Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy, I would like to share this essay with you, written by Angelo Bianchi, Esq.

I am an Italian-American. My roots are deep in an ancient soil, drenched by the Mediterranean sun, and watered by pure streams from snow capped mountains.

I am enriched by thousands of years of culture.

My hands are those of the mason, the artist, the man of the soil.

My thoughts have been recorded in the annals of Rome, the poetry of Virgil, the creations of Dante, and the philosophy of Benedetto Croce. I am an Italian-American, and

From my ancient world, I first spanned the seas to the New World. I am Cristoforo Colombo.

I am Giovanni Caboto, known in America as John Cabot, discoverer of the mainland of North America.

I am Amerigo Vespucci, who gave my name to the New World, America.

First to sail on the Great Lakes in 1679, founder of the territory that became the state of Illinois, colonizer of Louisiana and Arkansas, I am Enrico Tonti.

I am Filippo Mazzei, friend of Thomas Jefferson, and my thesis on the equality of man was written into the Bill of Rights.

I am William Paca, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

I am an Italian-American. I financed the Northwest Expedition of George Rogers Clark and accompanied him through the lands that would become Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan. I am Colonel Francesco Vigo.

I mapped the Pacific from Mexico to Alaska and to the Philippines. I am Alessandro Malaspina.

I am Giacomo Beltrami, discoverer of the source of the Mississippi River in 1823.

I created the Dome of the United States Capitol. They called me the Michelangelo of America.

I am Constantino Brumidi.

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I am the steel maker in Pittsburgh, the grower in the Imperial Valley in California, the textile designer in Manhattan, the movie maker in Hollywood the homemaker and breadwinner in 10,000 communities.

I am an American without stint or reservation, loving this land as only one who understands history, its agonies and its triumphs can love it and serve it.

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My heritage has dedicated me to this nation.

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Thank you,
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Host Eileen MacDougall welcomes her very first guest author of a mystery series (actually, FOUR series!) to the October Book Stew episode.

Clea Simon of Cambridge is known for her "cozy" mysteries — she defines them as "when the blood is dry before it hits the page."

The four investigators featured in her books — Theda Krakow, Dulcie Schwartz, Pru Marlowe, and Becca Colwin — each work with cats and other animals, some living and some not, to solve their cases.

Clea also writes standalone psychological suspense novels, and here she reads from her latest, The Butterfly Trap.

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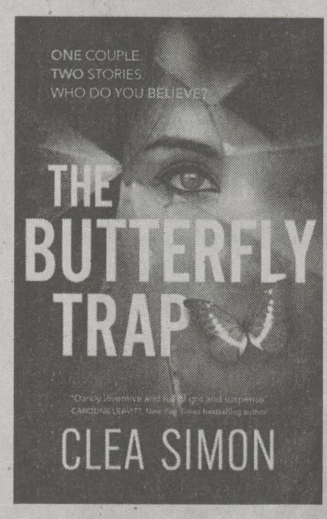

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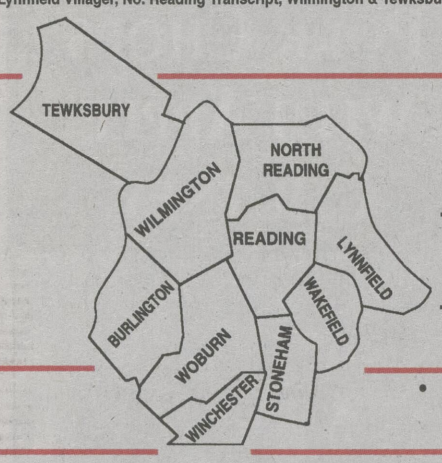

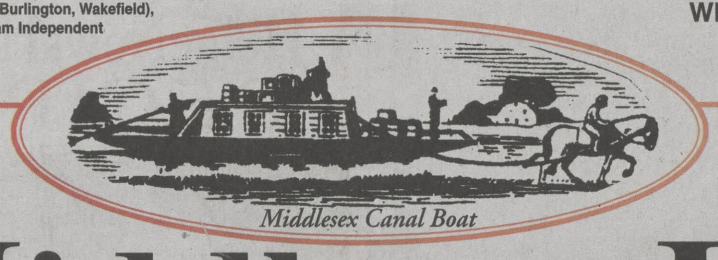

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Tewksbury's top chefs fired up over winning MasterChef competition

NEWLY ENGAGED COUPLE AND TEWKSBURY RESIDENTS Jessica Bosworth and Jesse Rosenwald won season 15 of the popular Fox TV show MasterChef.

By RYAN LAROCHE

If you think you need to travel down to the City of Boston to find award-winning cuisine made by award-winning chefs, think again. Tewksbury has its own master chefs... or make that MasterChefs.

Newly engaged couple Jessica Bosworth and Jesse Rosenwald won season 15 of the popular Fox TV show MasterChef. This year, to mix things up a bit, the network aired the first-ever season where couples competed to win the title of MasterChef (and $250,000) called Dynamic Duos.

Having this special "duo" season turned out to be a blessing in disguise for Bosworth, as she initially tried out for season 14. While she made it pretty far along in the application process, she, unfortunately, never made it to Los Angeles.

"It was a bummer for Jess," Rosenwald said about his partner's attempt to make it alone, "but it was mean to be for the both of us to do it together."

Rosenwald said she made it past multiple stages, talked to a casting producer and even sent in pictures and videos. Bosworth said she made it far, but just not to LA. Thankfully for the couple Fox decided to make season 15 a duo season.

"I helped Jess along the way the first time," Rosenwald acknowledged, adding how that helped them when they applied as a couple for the duo season.

What also helped them not only get on the show but win the whole competition was having a passion for cooking since both were teenagers. Bosworth said she comes from a long line of home cooks while Rosenwald said he cooked for his family from a young age.

When they first got together, the couple bonded over their love of food and cooking and talking about technique. Then they each had to cook for one another and that's when the pressure mounted. The two, therefore, stuck to what they knew best: Rosenwald grilled meat while Bosworth made pasta and sauces.

"Jess is the pasta queen," Rosenwald said about his soon-to-be wife while she called herself pasta obsessed, making the dough from scratch.

When the couple made it out to LA, they were not surprisingly overwhelmed, especially considering the amount of people in the audition process. Bosworth said everyone had a presence and the couple didn't know what to expect.

"We didn't want to be overconfident," Rosenwald said.

Once they made it onto the show, the couple had a new challenge to overcome: cooking in a new and unfamiliar kitchen.

"It was a new environment for us and that made it hard and intense," Bosworth admitted.

"You can't prepare for it," Rosenwald added.

They also couldn't prepare for meeting a larger-than-life figure like Gordon Ramsey. However, unlike the person on TV constantly yelling at or criticizing would be chefs, the couple said when the cameras weren't rolling Ramsey was incredible, nice, gracious, and charismatic. They said he really "lightened the mood."

Rosenwald called him a jokester who "could be rough around the edges." Both admitted they were nervous initially, especially talking about food with him.

Bosworth called her original attempt to make it on the show by herself whimsical. Her partner thought the idea was amazing and really pushed to get her on the show. Although it didn't work out at first, Bosworth said having her soon-to-be husband with her on the journey was everything.

Of course, then, it made sense for the two to go at it together. They balanced each other out, with Rosenwald acknowledging he gets upset easily while Bosworth acts as the calming force (not to mention driving force and creative force, he said).

Bosworth heaped praise on her partner's "strong technique," especially with proteins, and Rosenwald gushed over Bosworth's pasta-making ability, calling her the sauce queen.

As the show went on and couples kept getting eliminated, the two Tewksbury residents leveled up, as they put it, pointing out how things didn't get any easier. But they continued receiving words of encouragement, including from Ramsey who often referred to their cooking style as having "finesse."

Still, the couple acknowledged feeling a bit of "imposter syndrome" wondering if they were good enough. It probably didn't help that the better they did the more pressure they felt. But once they reached the finale, up against married couple Rachel Sanchez and Julio Figueredo and and aunt-niece couple Tina Duong and Aivan Tran, they felt the most confident.

The last challenge the couple has to endure involved cooking their own food and using their own menu. Previous challenges involved using certain ingredients or cooking certain ways, but the finale was up to them. They were in control. So they served pork belly, braised short rib and dark chocolate ganache tart.

Even though they ultimately won, it wasn't the smoothest road to the winner's circle. At one point it seemed as though the couple would be eliminated. Thankfully, the couple received a second chance and as Rosenwald told tvinsider.com, "we looked at each other saying, 'we're not looking back. Every single day we're going to live and breathe food and just crush every cook going forward.'"

Bosworth added, "It lit a fire in us."

Of course, even the finale where the two had the opportunity to make their own menu didn't go off perfectly, especially when the Brussels sprouts burned. But the two showed resourcefulness, found some unburned Brussels sprouts and powered through to earn the win, title and money.

When they finished the desert, Rosenwald said he felt confident, but once they announced the winner he "blacked out."

Although winning the show was extremely difficult, the most excruciating part may have involved keeping it a secret. The show actually finished taping back in December. Therefore, the couple had to sit on this news for more than six months. However, since it aired, the two have gone on a little media tour to celebrate their victory, from TV to print.

They can also celebrate something else, their engagement. After the final, Rosenwald proposed to Bosworth and she said yes. He called it the "icing on the cake."

"I did not see it coming," Bosworth admitted.

And because the entire cast became so close, they have all been invited to the wedding (invited as guests, not to cook, the couple joked). They even started a group chat with everyone.

"We trauma-bonded," Rosenwald joked about their time on the show, adding, more seriously, how everyone has been "super supportive" since it ended.

Bosworth called their experience "like adult summer camp. We're all passionate about the same thing."

In fact, the two enjoyed their time so much they both

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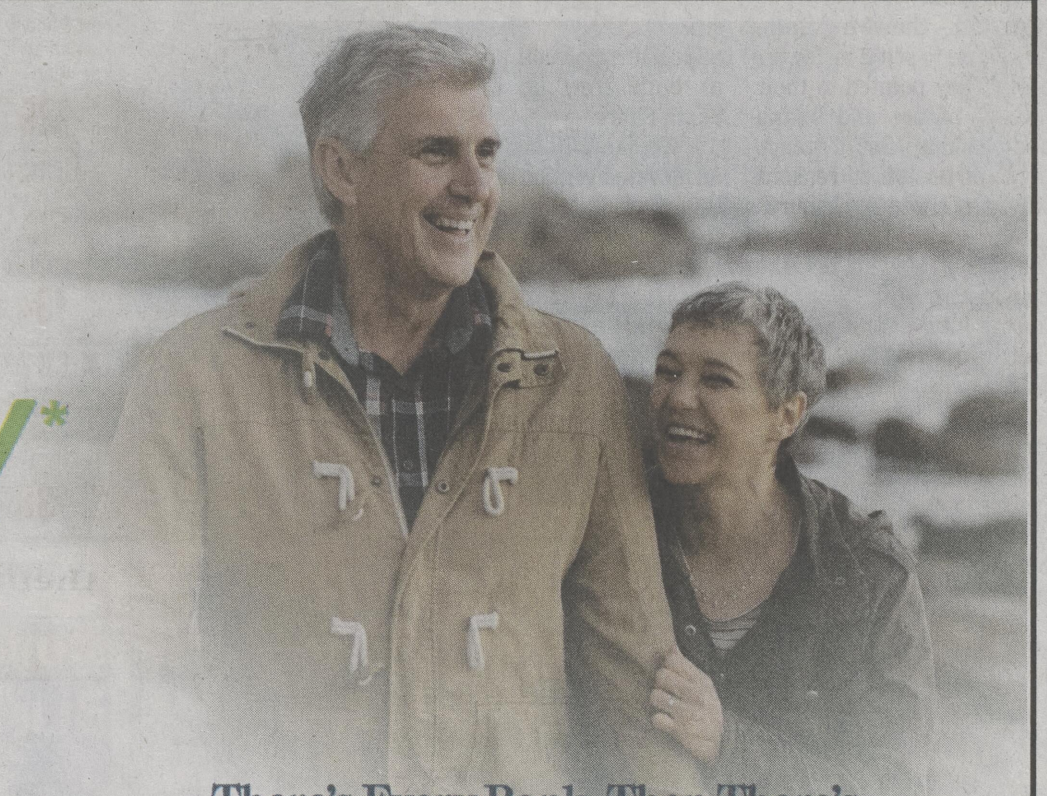

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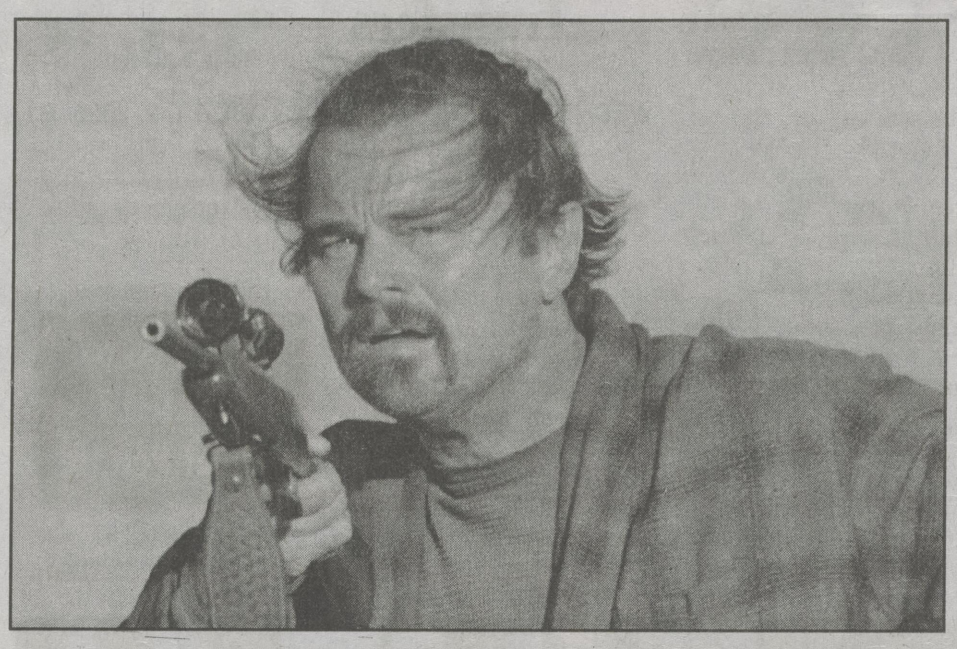

THIS IMAGE RELEASED BY WARNER BROS. PICTURES shows Leonardo DiCaprio in a scene from "One Battle After Another." (Warner Bros. Pictures via AP)

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Movie Review: 'One Battle After Another' is an American masterpiece

In Paul Thomas Anderson 's gloriously messy, madcap roller coaster ride through modern America, objects in the rear view may go out of sight, but they don't disappear.

Political struggles never die in "One Battle After Another," they just repeat. Or maybe they grow older and become paranoid, pot-smoking, pajama-wearers like Bob Ferguson (Leonardo DiCaprio), a washed-up revolutionary living off the grid with his daughter, Willa (Chase Infiniti). The cycles of oppression and resistance are palpably felt in Anderson's film, a decades-spanning odyssey where gun violence, white power and immigrant deportations recur in an ongoing dance, both farcical and tragic.

But "One Battle After Another" could also be fairly described as a sweet movie about a father coming to terms with his teenage daughter having a phone — which is one example of how Anderson's destabilizing approach to big themes can turn poignant and revelatory. "Sweeping" would normally be a way to characterize a nearly three-hour-long, multigeneration saga like this, but Anderson works in a more rough-hewn, compassionate register that burrows strangely but acutely into the American psyche.

"One Battle After Another" is arriving after months of speculation and some skepticism because it's easily Anderson's biggest budgeted, largest scaled film yet. But scale is an interesting thing when it comes to Anderson's movies. "Magnolia" is modest by most metrics, but you'd be hard pressed to find a more ambitious movie. "There Will Be Blood" didn't feature much spectacle beyond some rickety wooden oil rigs, but it feels about as large as the frame of Daniel Day-Lewis' Daniel Plainview, which is to say terrifyingly enormous.

Likewise, "One Battle After Another," shot on VistaVision, is big and long but feels intimate and fast. That's partly due to the propulsion of its opening prologue and the absurd knockout vigor of Teyana Taylor as a scorching, potent screen presence. Her Perfidia Beverly Hills is at the center of the movie's beginning. And she makes such a powerful mark that it takes half an hour for "One Battle After Another" to pick up the pieces after it moves on. (My personal recovery time is ongoing.)

We first see Perfidia, dressed in all black, striding across an overpass. Below is an immigration detention center. The atmosphere is tumultuous. Bob is there, ready to set off fireworks or bombs, but has little clue of the plan. She assures him: "Make it big, make it bright. Inspire me."

They and their co-conspirators soon announce their intentions, freeing the immigrants, tying up the military guards and declaring that they're the radical group the French 75. This is the start, Perfidia says, of a revolution. Their cause is righteous but their drive is visceral and sexual. Bomb-making and sex go hand in hand. Bob trails after Perfidia, in love with her but also in awe. Perfidia's mother doesn't give them much of a chance as a couple. "She's a runner and you're a stone," she tells him.

At the same time, Perfidia comes in contact with Col. Lockjaw (Sean Penn), a rock-jawed military man who, too, swoons for Perfidia. When they first meet, she holds him at gunpoint and tells him to "Get it up," and she doesn't mean his hands. These charged scenes, followed by Perfidia's pregnancy and new police trouble for the French 75, set the table for the drama to come, set 16 years after this opening salvo, a frenetic eruption of Black and female power.

By then, the forces fought by the radicals have clawed back their advantage. Lockjaw (this is a taut, drained, maniacal Penn) now moves with impunity, directing troops on illegal raids where he chooses. Some of those in power like what he's doing. A secret white supremacist group called the Christmas Adventurers (they speak of cleansing the Earth and greet each other with "merry Christmas") offers him a membership.

The French 75 are essentially no more. Bob is now alone with their 16-year-old daughter. He's grown less connected with the world. He calls his daughter's friend "Homie," has trouble with pronouns and usually has a roach going. It's the most Lebowski-esque performance by DiCaprio, whose recent gravity toward less polished, error-prone characters ("Killers of the Flower Moon," "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood") has made for some of his most interesting movies.

Willa, though, is said to have her mother's courage. (Infiniti, a newcomer, has an inner strength that comes across clear as day.) When Lockjaw comes looking for Willa, a new cycle of state-sponsored violence is set off. That brings in a delightful Benicio Del Toro as a combination sensei and Harriet Tubman-like figure to immigrants who shepherds Bob when the authorities are closing in. This is probably the most shambolic section of the movie, but Del Toro's Sergio St. Carlos is also the film's most resonate encapsulation of freedom. He's free because his purpose is clear and principled.

This is a movie filled with police convoys across the land and military tactics that effectively turn modern-day America into a battlefield. The film, inspired by Thomas Pynchon's "Vineland," shares some of the culture clash of Anderson's earlier Pynchon adaptation, "Inherent Vice." But "One Battle After Another," graced with a swelling score by Johnny Greenwood that gives the movie a hint of epic, feels more urgently contemporary and more morally motivated.

That makes "One Battle After Another," as a major studio release clattering with straightforward representations of racism, xenophobia and vigilantism, an exception in almost every way to modern-day Hollywood. I'm sure that will bring debate, just as any good movie does. And I'm sure some will find its American portrait muddled and chaotic. But those aspects feel true, too, just as does the movie's abiding fighting spirit.

"One Battle After Another," a Warner Bros. release is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for pervasive language, violence, sexual content, and drug use. Running time: 170 minutes. Four stars out of four.

HomeNewsHere RECIPE

Slow-Cooker Pork Chops with Apple Chutney

PEEK INTO A PACKET OF POWER-PACKED PORK! You'll find a whole meal with saucy veggies!

PREP TIME
20 MIN
TOTAL
4 HR 20 MIN
SERVINGS
4
INGREDIENTS
10

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1
Spray 3- to 4-quart slow cooker with cooking spray. Sprinkle pork with salt and pepper; place in cooker.

Step 2
In small bowl, mix brown sugar, vinegar, ginger, cinnamon, red pepper and cranberries. Spoon over pork in cooker; top with apples.

Step 3
Cover; cook on Low heat setting 4 hours to 4 hours 30 minutes.

Nutrition
More Nutrition
400
Calories
13g
Total Fat
35g
Protein
36g
Total Carbohydrate
32g
Sugars

Tip 1
Serve these sweet and spicy pork chops with baked sweet potatoes.
Tip 2
For variety, you can substitute dried cherries or golden raisins for the dried cranberries.

INGREDIENTS:
- 4 center-cut bone-in pork loin chops, 1 inch thick (about 2 lb), trimmed of fat
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 6 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne)
- 1/4 cup sweetened dried cranberries

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said they would absolutely do it again if asked (perhaps as part of some "all star" season?).

While neither Rosenwald nor Bosworth grew up in Tewksbury - Rosenwald went to high school in Plymouth and Bosworth in Kingston - the two eventually chose to settle in Tewksbury. They pointed to their love of nature and hiking and looking for a place north of Boston as reasons why they chose Tewksbury.

Now, with $250,000 and the title of MasterChef, the couple can start planning for the future...and not just their own wedding. They're planning a side business called 10 Inches South Shore Bar Pizza. They said the plan involves selling them frozen to start and then at grocery stores and locally to build customers who want them.

Eventually, the two hope to get into the brick and mortar restaurant business, something like an Italian provision shop with an artisanal sandwich shop inside of it.

The couple said they've been working on this idea since COVID. Bosworth called it a passion project, as both grew up on the South Shore.

"We like to think of it as an elevated version of something we ate as kids," Rosenwald added. "We've had a lot of failures, but we learned from them."

He called starting this business more nerve-wracking than the show, but added how "we believe in ourselves."

That belief took them all the way to the top and who knows how much further they'll go.

JOE BASTIANICH, JUDGE TIFFANY DERRY, Winners Jessica and Jesse on 'MasterChef: Dynamic Duos.'. Kelly Gardner/FOX

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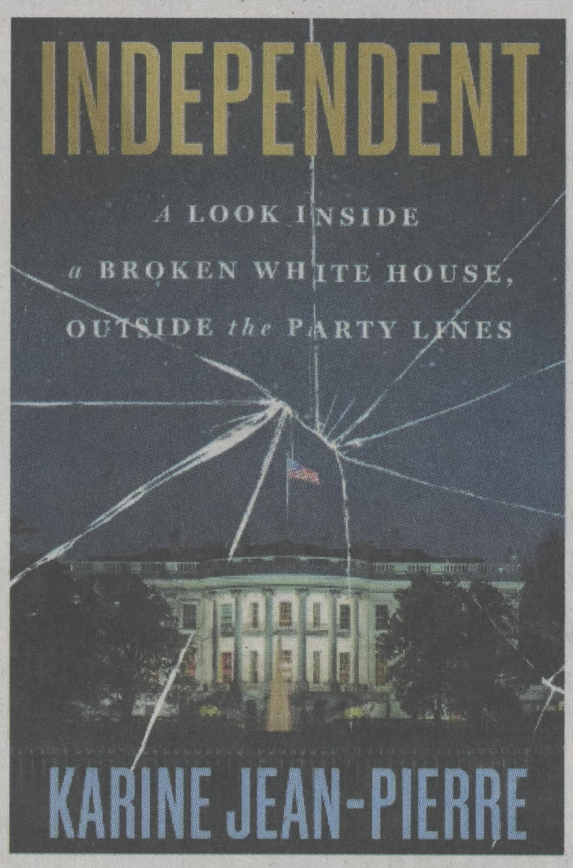
Karine Jean-Pierre discusses new book 'Independent'



Karine Jean-Pierre, former press secretary and senior advisor to President Biden, discusses her forthcoming book Independent: A Look Inside a Broken White House, Outside Party Lines.

In a hard-hitting-yet-hopeful critique, Jean-Pierre defines what it means to be part of the growing percentage of our fractured electorate that is Independent, explains why it can be worthwhile to carve oneself a political ideology true to personal beliefs rather than a party affiliation, and provides the questions you need to ask yourself to determine where you fit politically.

As a history maker, veteran public servant, political analyst, and independent thinker, she urges Americans to think outside of the blue-and-red box as we consider what's next to save our democracy.

Copies signed by Karine Jean-Pierre are available for pre-order, as well as a limited supply available for purchase in our museum shop on the day of the program.

Interested in-person Forum attendees may pre-order copies of Independent until October 18th for pick up at the JFK Presidential Library & Museum on the night of the Forum.

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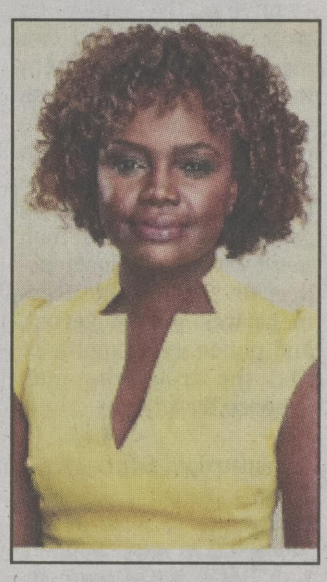

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Tewksbury Police Log

Male party confuses pile of clothes for person

Monday, September 22

12:22 p.m. - Walk-in party reported her vehicle was keyed at Market Basket north. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

8:35 p.m. - Police reported anonymous complaint about a dog barking at Seventh Street. Resident advised of town bylaw regarding dogs. Not an issue at this time.

9:26 p.m. - A 911 call for a male driving around with his member out for 20 to 30 minutes at Spirit Halloween. Caller reported the vehicle to be a red SUV. No plate given. Police sent. They checked the area. Officer filed a report.

Tuesday, September 23

1:26 p.m. - Caller reported a male attempted to use a fake $100 at Reds Center Laundromat. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

1:36 p.m. - Walk-in orally reported in May he bought a car on Facebook Market Place and was now learning the VIN was fraudulent at Home Depot. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

2:44 p.m. - Resident at Pleasant Street reported motorcycle went high rate of speed toward center of town. They could only state operator in a lime green t-shirt. Police sent. They stopped at East Street and Livingston Street. Verbal warning for speed.

4:34 p.m. - Caller reported a male and female sat in front of her neighbor's abandoned house at Rounsevell Road and went into the bushes and came back onto the street. Police sent. They advised nothing was showing in the area, and the house was secure.

7:23 p.m. - Police out at Ferncroft Road for suspicious activity. Detectives off to serve a search warrant.

8:58 p.m. - A 911 caller reported she saw juveniles stealing a speed limit sign at Family Dental Care. Caller stated six to seven kids took the sign down and were last seen running on Main Street. Police sent. They advised sign was already down. They picked it up to look at it. MassDot notified to fix the sign.

Wednesday, September 24

1:21 a.m. - Caller reported four to five male parties in front of Ames Hill Drive walking around and yelling. They were walking around with a flashlight and looked at cars. It had been going on for 20 minutes. Some of the people got into a white sedan and started driving erratically, other males were getting into a gray pickup truck. One male described as shirtless with long hair. Police sent. They reported Stuart's in possession of vehicle and waited for the towed vehicle for a ride. Officer filed a report.

10:58 p.m. - Off site security company at Atamian Honda reported a Prius was driving around the parking lot with no license plate. Vehicle had already left the lot, unknown direction of travel. Police sent, but gone on arrival.

Thursday, September 25

2:42 a.m. - Police out for suspicious activity at Ames Hill Drive. The vehicle was just waiting for AAA and their girlfriend lives here so he was waiting to go inside.

8:16 a.m. - Caller reported ongoing issues with a truck blowing the horn at Chandler and Livingston streets every day. She spoke to the father, who stated his son was beeping at his friend. The father would speak to his son.

3:13 p.m. - Caller reported she was receiving several phone calls on different numbers from what she believed to be the same person at Livingston Street. Police sent and they spoke with the caller. Advice was given.

3:54 pm - Caller reported a male seemed agitated at Pauls Auto Repair and Electric. Male described as a black male wearing brown suede jacket. Police sent. The male left on foot heading toward Lowell wearing a flannel shirt and a backpack. Male was located by Billerica Police Department and taken to the hospital.

6:15 p.m. - Caller reported a potential scam involving a false claim of her brother's arrest and a request for bail money at Marston Street. Caller notified it was likely a scam but would like an officer to speak with her. Police sent. Advice given. No monetary loss.

Friday, September 26

3:33 a.m. - Police off checking Tewksbury Credit Union unoccupied in the parking lot. No issues were found and building was secure.

12:12 p.m. - Police officer was approached by Mobil Stadium Plaza with a female party reporting suspicious activity. Police filed a report.

12:41 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a package was dropped off at his home by FedEx at Starbird Avenue. Ten minutes later, someone showed up attempting to pick up the package. Police sent and officer filed a report.

1:07 p.m. - A 911 caller, employee at Burger King, reported a purse was stolen ten minutes ago. Police sent. Suspect was no longer in the area. Officer filed a report.

Saturday, September 27

1:44 a.m. - There was an unknown male party passed out in his bed at Boisvert. The caller would not go check to make sure if he was breathing or needed medical attention. The caller seemed confused, mentioned at one point that this male was going to bring him food but was unable to explain the context of this statement. Police sent. Person in bed was just a pile of clothes.

2:21 pm - Bus driver stated a male party threatened her with a gun at Saunders Building State Hospital. Described to be a white male in his 50s wearing a red hat and blue shirt. Police sent. They provided transportation to Verizon near Walmart. Officer filed a report.

5:58 p.m. - Caller reported he was assaulted by a coworker and was now by Main Street and Appletree Lane. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

Sunday, September 28

8:36 a.m. - Caller reported he was told that a male was peeing outside a and threw trash around at Stadium Plaza. Van would be parked next to an RV. Police sent. The male was in Lowell and requested Lowell Police Department to the scene. Party had moved along from the property.

Wilmington Police Log

Woman arrested for OUI following car accident

Friday, Sept. 19:

11:22 a.m.: Tanika Dyanne Harris of 3232 Horseshoe Lane, in Wilmington, was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and speeding in violation of special regulations. This followed a stop of her purple 2013 Honda CR-Z on Woburn Street.

4:55 p.m.: A white 2020 Toyota Corolla hit a child riding a bicycle on Main Street.

7:01 p.m.: A caller on West Street reported two men having an argument in the roadway, and was worried it might become physical. The caller also mentioned that one of the men left the area in a gray GMC truck. The men involved waved down police, and stated the argument was purely verbal, and police were unable to find the truck the man supposedly left in.

Saturday, Sept. 20:

2:11 a.m.: A brown 2015 Volvo CX70 and a black 2014 BMW 328XI were involved in a motor vehicle accident near Simard's Main Street. Airbags were deployed. The Volvo was impounded in a 12 hour hold, with the driver picked up by her mother.

7:01 p.m.: Carlos David Agramonte Abreu of 58 Milton St., Apt. #1, in Arlington, was issued a summons for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and for having a missing registration sticker. This followed a stop of his blue 2005 Honda CR-V on the Rt. 62 highway.

Sunday, Sept. 21:

10:43 a.m.: A black 2011 Chevy Equinox and a 2021 Ford Transit were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Aldrich Road. No injuries were reported.

11:31 a.m.: A black 2010 Mazda CX-9 and a black 2006 GMC Envoy were involved in a minor motor vehicle accident on Middlesex Avenue. No injuries were reported.

Monday, Sept. 22:

4:44 p.m.: A black 2024 GMC Sierra and a black 2006 Mack CV713 were involved in a minor motor vehicle accident on Aldrich Road. No airbags were deployed, and no injuries were reported.

5:16 p.m.: A caller reported that his mother was involved in a motor vehicle accident between her white 2022 GMC Terrain and a gray 2013 Subaru Forester near the Dunkin Donuts on Concord Street.

Tuesday, Sept. 23:

7:18 a.m.: A manager at the Uhaul on Main Street reported that the overnight lockbox for their van keys had been taken. Police found the lockbox, but one of the vehicles, a 2016 Ford Econoline, had been stolen, and one of the vehicles on scene, a 2023 Ford Transit, was found to have been stolen out of Tewksbury on 9/20. The stolen Econoline was spotted in Malden, and police recovered the vehicle.

11:40 a.m.: A caller at the Savers on Main Street reported a verbal altercation between herself and another woman, reportedly originally over a parking space.

4:02 p.m.: A walk-in party from Lowell Street reported that his orange 2022 Honda Civic had possibly been stolen. The vehicle would be spotted in Lynn and Saugus, with a BOLO issued to Saugus and Lynn police.

Wednesday, Sept. 24:

12:33 a.m.: A caller at the CVS on Main Street reported a blonde woman wearing a blue sweatshirt and gray sweatpants had shoplifted, and left in a Toyota Camry. The vehicle was found in the CVS parking lot, and the woman was issued a trespass order.

1:29 p.m.: An employee at the Quickmart on Ballardvale Street reported a man taking pictures and yelling at customers. The man in question had left by the time police arrived.

5:18 p.m.: A caller on Somerville Avenue reported a man turned around in her driveway, in spite of a no trespass order, and requested police call the man to remind him of the order. Police left a message for the man's father.

Thursday, Sept. 25:

9:50 a.m.: Shauna Lauren Zella of 2 Broad St., in Wilmington, was arrested for OUI-Liquor over .08%, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and failure to stop/yield. This followed her involvement in a motor vehicle accident between a black 2020 UT QX80 and a black 2023 Chevy Traverse on Concord Street.

2:06 p.m.: A white 2018 Volkswagen Tiguan and a gray 2013 Kia Soul were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Ballardvale Street. No airbags were deployed, but it's unknown if anyone was injured.

10:16 p.m.: Sambonn Im of 123 Warwick St., in Lowell, was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and speeding. This followed a stop of his black 2021 Toyota Tundra on Ballardvale Street.

Tips to drain your swimming pool

TEWKSBURY — Did you know that you cannot discharge pool water onto the street or into a catch basin? The town's Rules and Regulations Concerning Permission for Use of Town Roadways and Rights-of-Way prohibits any discharge of water onto the town-owned right of way, and a violation can result in fines.

The Town of Tewksbury's Municipal Stormwater Bylaws allows discharge from de-chlorinated swimming pool water (less than one ppm total chlorine) provided the water is allowed to stand for one week prior to draining. When chlorinated water enters the town's streams, wetlands, and rivers, it harms the aquatic life, wildlife, and environment.

Here are some tips:

Allow water to dechlorinate for one week minimum before draining. Sunlight will help to naturally dissipate the chlorine.

Discharge the dechlorinated water over your lawn and not onto the town roadways.

Never pump any water directly into a catch basin, wetland, stream, river, or to a town roadway.

If you hire a contractor to work on your pool, inform them about the town's stormwater bylaws regarding draining swimming pools.

Always remember:
Only rain in the drain

For more information, visit the Town of Tewksbury's stormwater website: *www.tewksbury-ma.gov/stormwater*

If you have any questions, you can contact Christian Mann at *cmann@tewksbury-ma.gov* or 978-640-4440 Ext. 237.

Local students contribute through Emmanuel Day of Service

BOSTON — More than 360 first-year students at Emmanuel College to make an immediate impact in the community through the New Student Day of Service.

Rising early on the last day of summer vacation, the students volunteered at food shelves, homeless shelters, and other organizations that meet vital community needs through the day of service. The following local students participated:

- **Kaylee Heffernan of Wilmington**
- **Vasilios Meimaris of Wilmington**
- **Meilik Sreng of Wilmington**
- **Juliana Eloi of Tewksbury**
- **Alejandra Segura Polanco of Tewksbury**

In addition to ecouraging new students to embrace Emmanuel's rich history of serving the common good, the day of service helped them connect with Boston and each other.

"By engaging with the city from day one, our new Saints began their Emmanuel journey grounded in service, connection, and purpose," said Emmanuel VP of Mission & Ministry Fr. Federico Cinocca. "It sets the tone not only for their year, but for their entire Emmanuel experience."

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Wilmington SPORTS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025

▲ The WHS football team is pumped up before the game. (Doug Hastings photo)

Wilmington High football makes it three in a row

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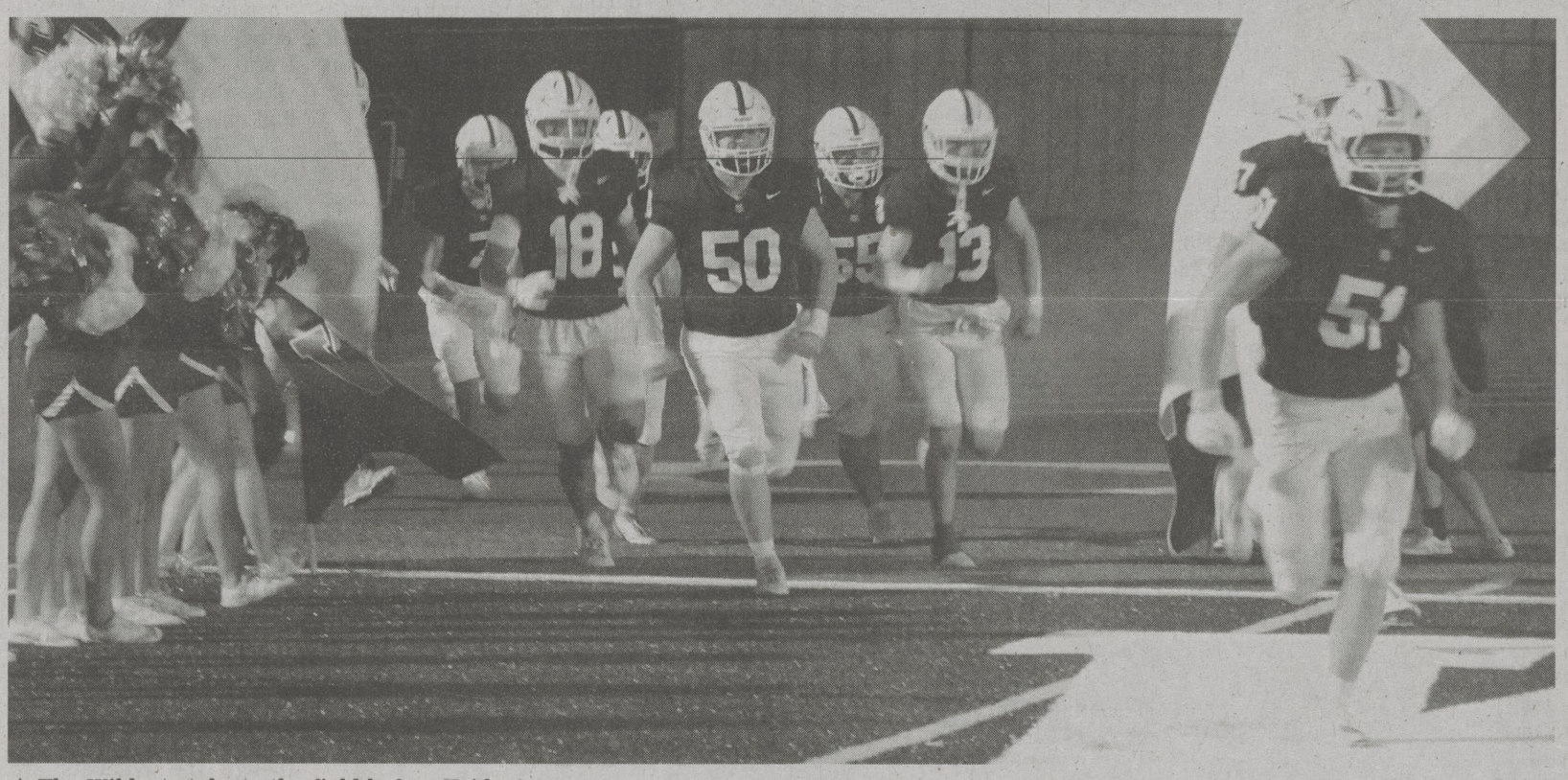


▲ The Wildcats take to the field before Friday's game. (Doug Hastings photo)

This is getting fun.

On Friday night at Wilmington High, the Wildcat football team improved its record to 3-0 with a 29-6 victory over Arlington Catholic.

"It wasn't pretty," said WHS coach Joe Cavanaugh, "but a win is a win. We have a lot of things to clean up."

WHS led just 7-6 halfway through the second quarter before senior Camden Gray stole the show.

After the Cougars touchdown with 6:30 left in the first half, Gray returned the ensuing kickoff 81 yards for a touchdown.

The runback was a thriller as Gray started up the right side of the field before changing direction and finding some holes around the left.

WHS received the second half kickoff and Gray once again took the ball to the end zone, zipping across the field and going 70 yards for a touchdown.

"We practice special teams a lot, we put a lot of time into it, and it paid off tonight,"

Cavanaugh said. "The blocking was terrific. Coach (Rich) DeLucia does a great job with all of the special teams."

"I have to give it all to my blockers," said Gray, who hadn't scored a touchdown in his career prior to Friday. "They brought me to the end zone every time. I couldn't have done it without them."

Senior Cam Pereira's third extra point made it 21-6 just 18 seconds into the third quarter.

A sack by senior Pat De Lucia forced an AC punt on its first drive of the second half and, amazingly, the Cougars kicked in Gray's direction again.

This time, Gray bolted down the right sideline, 75 yards, for a touchdown.

"It an unbelievable feeling," said Gray, "especially playing for my home town."

"That was so fun," said DeLucia, who was a monster of defense for Wilmington. "We had (a kick return for a touchdown) against Essex Tech that got called back so we were itching for another one and we got three tonight. It was awesome."

Junior quarterback Mark Holleran ran in the 2-point conversion to make it 29-6.

The Wilmington defense took care of the rest.

"We have some stuff to clean up there, but we play really hard on defense," said Cavanaugh. "Our effort running to the ball and everything will make up for a lot of mistakes."

After the Cougars picked up a pair of first downs on their first drive of the night before eventually punting, AC scored on its second possession. After that Wildcat defense didn't allow much more.

"Defensively, the mentality is so much different than last year," DeLucia said. "Run to the ball. No breaks."

AC had two more first-half drives, going three-and-out on the first and picking up two first downs just before halftime, one only because of a penalty by Wilmington.

In the second half, the Cougars punted away their first two possessions, but had two great chances to score stopped by the 'Cats down the stretch.

A punt late in the third quarter was touched by a Wilmington player and recovered by the Cougars at the WHS 21-yard line.

A sack by DeLucia on first down helped set up a fourth-and-eight that saw WHS junior Maxwell Bagtaz break up a fourth down pass in the end zone.

The 'Cats were forced to punt four plays later and a high snap on the kick saw punter Colin Allard get to the ball and somehow kick it away before charging AC defenders could get to him.

The play by Allard was huge.

AC took over at the Wildcat 25-yard line as the fourth quarter started, but back-to-back sacks by De Lucia and senior Colin Dwyer turned the ball over on downs at the 33-yard line.

Arlington Catholic recovered a fumble two plays later and took over at Wilmington's 47-yard line, but consecutive defensive stops by Pereira, DeLucia and senior Timmy Watson forced a punt with 7:10 left.

Senior Gabe Borges was also solid for WHS.

"They buckled down," Cavanaugh said of the defense. "We kept them out of the end zone for the most part."

AC's defense couldn't get the ball back.

WHS picked up three first downs on two runs by junior Ayden Bellevy and another by senior Gus Lambert with two minutes to go, allowing the Wildcats to run out the rest of the clock.

On offense, the Wildcats showed off a balanced running game that featured Holleran, Bellevy, Pereira and Lambert.

Wilmington's first drive was a 69-yard march to the end zone that took 11 plays and ended with a 9-yard run by Pereira. Pereira also added the extra point.

Gray and Allard caught first-down passes from Holleran during the drive.

AC answered back, scoring on an unlikely fourth-and-13 heave into the end zone from quarterback John Recinito to Jordan Nash, who made a difficult grab at the goal line.

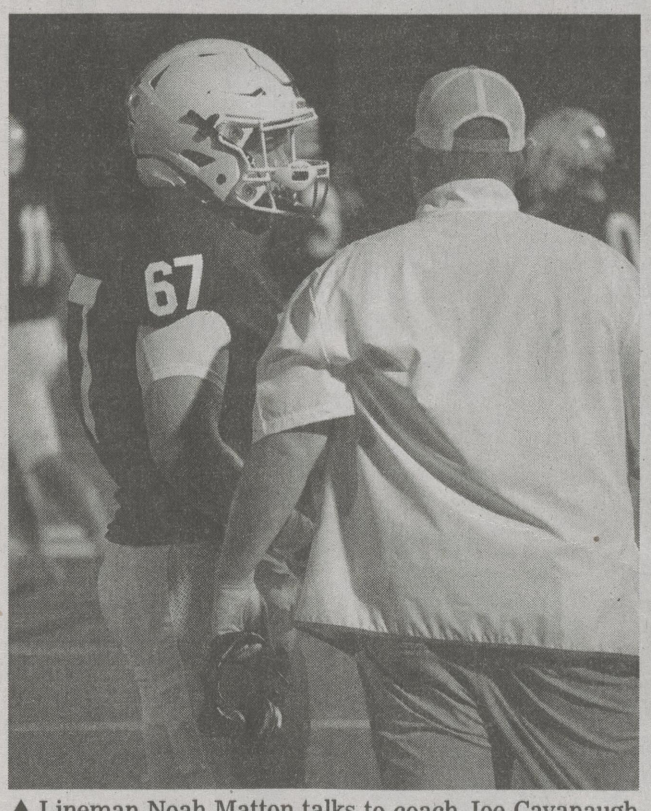
The conversion rush failed and Wilmington led 7-6 with 6:30 left in the first.

That's when Gray took over.

"I love the atmosphere here," said DeLucia. "We go to away games and other schools don't have it like this. It's awesome. Almost the whole school is in the stands cheering you on. It's great."

"You can't ask for a better atmosphere," Cavanaugh said. "The stands are packed, the cheerleaders are unbelievable and we have a great band."

Friday night will be a huge test for the 'Cats as Burlington comes to WHS for a 7 p.m. game. The Red Devils are 3-0 and haven't allowed a touchdown yet this season in victories over Westborough, Woburn and Cambridge.



▲ Lineman Noah Matton talks to coach Joe Cavanaugh during a break in the action. (Doug Hastings photo)

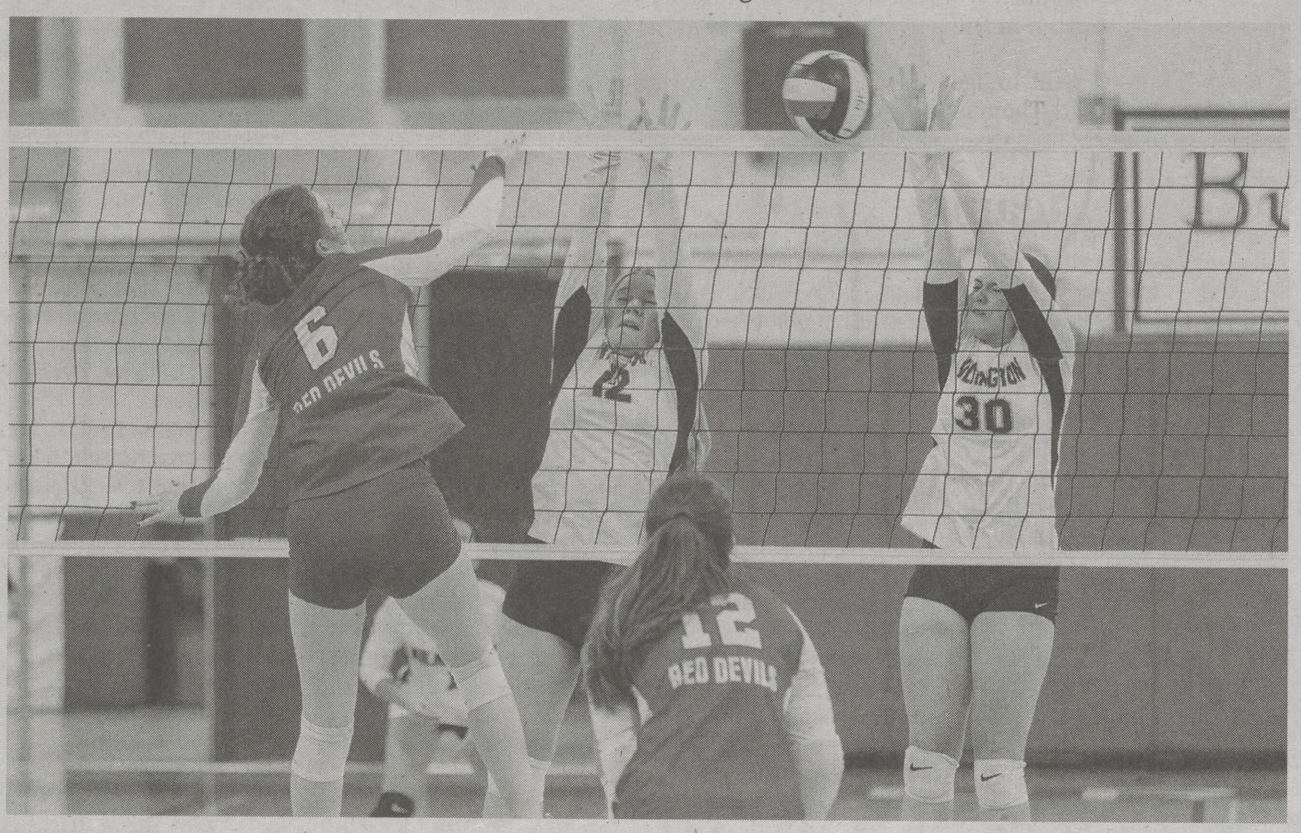
▲ Camden Gray (1) runs behind the block of junior Maxwell Bagtaz during his punt return for a touchdown. (Doug Hastings photo)

Wilmington's Danielle Chillemi, right, lifts the ball over the stick of Burlington's Caroline Beane during Thursday's field hockey game at Burlington High School. Burlington won, 1-0. (Credit Image: James Thomas)

Wilmington High Roundup:

Field hockey team blasts Wakefield, 6-2

▲ Wilmington's Danielle Chillemi, right, shields the ball from Burlington's Kate Conte during Thursday's field hockey game at Burlington High School. Burlington won, 1-0. (Credit Image: James Thomas)



▼ Tessa McCann of Burlington attacks at the net as Wilmington's Elizabeth Kulevich (12) and Katherine Corby go up for a block Thursday at Burlington High School. Burlington swept, 3-0. (Credit Image: James Thomas)

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The Wilmington High field hockey team improved to 3-5-1 overall with a resounding 6-2 win against Wakefield on Monday afternoon.

The Wildcats are 2-1 in their last three games with a 2-0 win over Haverhill and a 1-0 loss to Burlington the other recent games for WHS.

The Wilmington offense was clicking on all cylinders against the Warriors.

Senior Leah Murphy and junior Danielle Chillemi had two goals apiece for spark the 'Cats while other goal scorers included senior Leah Langone and sophomore Rita Bishop.

After visiting Lowell on Wednesday, WHS hosts Woburn on Friday afternoon at 4:15 p.m. and then hosts Melrose next Tuesday.

GIRLS SOCCER SPLITS RECENT GAMES

The Wilmington High girls soccer team beat Wakefield and lost to Burlington in recent action.

On a rainy day in Burlington, the Wildcats fell behind early and never recovered.

The Red Devils led 2-0 and added another goal in the second half.

Against Wakefield, Wilmington got a huge game from Cate MacDonald, who scored two goals and had one assist.

The Wildcats were also bolstered by Lexi LeBlanc being inserted into the starting lineup.

"Her presence increased more speed to the defense and disrupted lots of plays from the other team's offense," said WHS coach Alvi Ibanez.

Wilmington (3-3-2) played Woburn on Tuesday and hosts Tewksbury on Saturday at 12 p.m. Next Monday, Melrose visits Wilmington at 5 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER WORKING HARD

The Wilmington High boys soccer team keeps working hard.

After nine matches, although the Wildcats are still seeking their first victory, WHS is playing well.

Last Wednesday, Wilmington earned a 3-3 tie with Burlington.

After visiting Woburn on Tuesday, the Wildcats are off until next week when they play three games against Melrose at home on Monday at 7 p.m., Belmont at home on Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. and Friday in Wakefield at 4:15 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL KEEPS IMPROVING

The Wilmington High volleyball team lost to Wakefield on Monday by a 3-0 score.

Despite still searching for its first win, the Wildcats are still playing competitive matches in the difficult Middlesex League.

Last week, the Wildcats lost 3-0 to Burlington and dropped a 3-1 decision to Watertown.

Senior Kaleigh Quinn continues to lead the team's offense with the most kills on the squad while juniors Angelina Vo and junior Liz Kulevich have led the way in assists.

Quinn, Madelyn Oatis and sophomore Paola Rodriguez have led the way serving.

Annika Held has led the way defensively at the net while tops in digs has been Quinn, Rodriguez and sophomore Shanna White.

Quinn, White, Rodriguez and sophomore Chloe Stryhalaleck.

GOLFERS STILL ROLLING

The Wilmington High golf team is 5-3 after its first eight matches.

The Wildcats have defeated Melrose, Watertown and Woburn for a three-match winning streak.

Against Melrose, the 'Cats won 38-34.

Derek Perault led the way for the Wildcats with a big win shooting 39 (+3). Will Poyant also picked up a huge victory.

Wilmington defeated Watertown, 53.5-18.5, at Oakley CC.

Isaac Tavares, Roman Synnott, Derek Perault, Nick Poeck, Will Poyant, Ryan Archer, and Matt Driscoll all picked up wins.

In the Woburn match, Nick Poeck (2-over) and Will Poyant (4-over) led Wilmington to a 42.5-29.5 victory at Woburn CC.

Derek Perault (1-over), Isaac Tavares (2-over), Nate Anderson (3-over), and Ryan Archer (4-over) all pick up victories for the Wildcats.

Youth Hockey:

Bantam 1s earn two victories

METHUEN — The Wilmington Bantam 1 Wildcats traveled to Methuen High School on Saturday, Sept. 20 for a matchup with the Junior Hawks.

It was a game that tested Wilmington's physicality from the opening puck drop.

The Wildcats, skating in their white uniforms, began the contest with just eight players available while awaiting late arrivals. The Hawks, backed by a full bench in their signature orange and blue, pressed hard from the start in what quickly became a fast paced, physical battle.

To enhance the roster, Josh and Zach Saijia were called up to provide support.

Despite being shorthanded for the opening seven minutes, Wilmington weathered the storm until reinforcements arrived. Midway through the first period, defenseman Mason Desmond generated the first quality scoring chance, only to be denied by the Hawks' sharp goaltending.

The breakthrough came with 4:16 left in the first.

After a costly turnover deep in his own end, Matthew Fogg recovered brilliantly, carrying the puck end to end. Faking a high slap shot in the slot, he deked around a defenseman and finished with a slick backhand to give the Wildcats a 1-0 lead heading into the first intermission.

The Hawks struck back just 43 seconds into the second period.

After Zach Saija delivered a crushing body check, the Hawks capitalized on the loose puck, slipping one upstairs past Wilmington netminder Evan Jageler to knot the score at 1-1.

Wilmington pressed hard midway through the frame, led by Grayson Lynch, who created back-to-back scoring chances on rushes through the Hawks' defense.

Both times, the Junior Hawks goalie stood tall, including on a dangerous shot from the slot.

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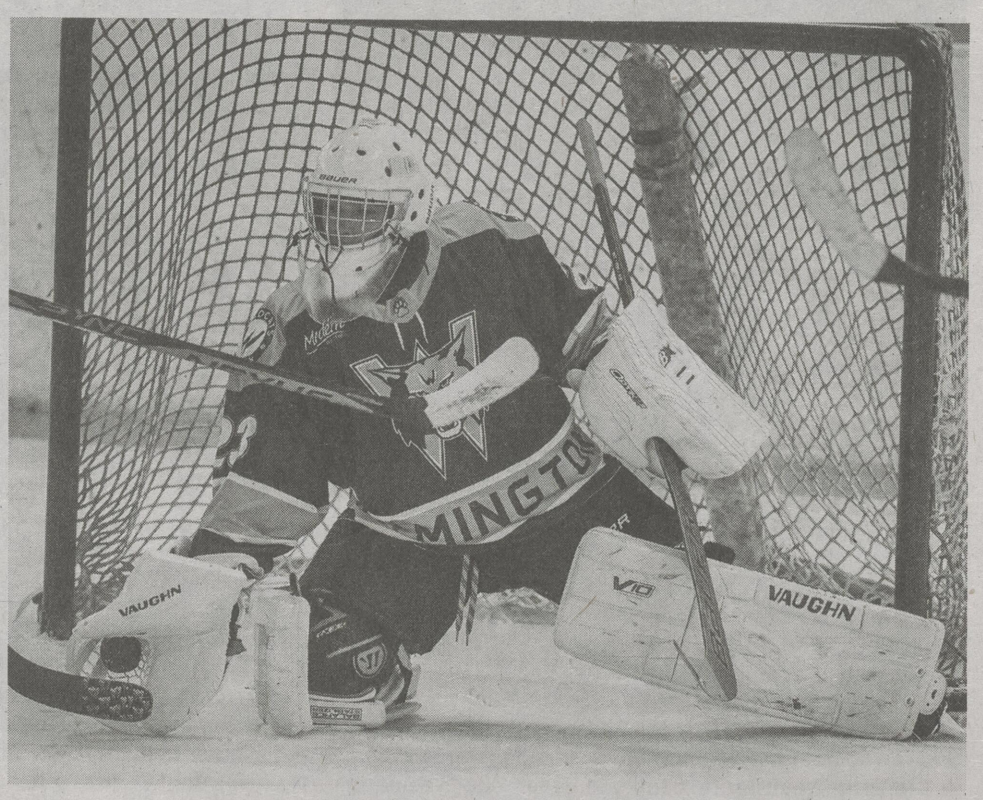

▲ Goalie Evan Jagele makes a save for Wilmington. (Courtesy photo)

Shawsheen Tech Roundup:

Ram football improves to 4-0 after shutting out Norwood

▲ Shawsheen Valley Tech's David Viveiros gains a step on Groton-Dunstable's Alexander DeGrass during Tuesday's match in Billerica. Shawsheen won, 4-1.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)

By DOUG HASTINGS
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The Shawsheen Tech football team moved its record to 4-0 on the season with a 27-0 victory over Norwood on Friday night.

The Rams scored in each quarter and piled up 306 total yards while the Shawsheen defense allowed only 72 yards, 51 on the ground and 21 in the air.

Senior Jake Banda continued his dominating season with 25 carries for 134 yards and two touchdowns.

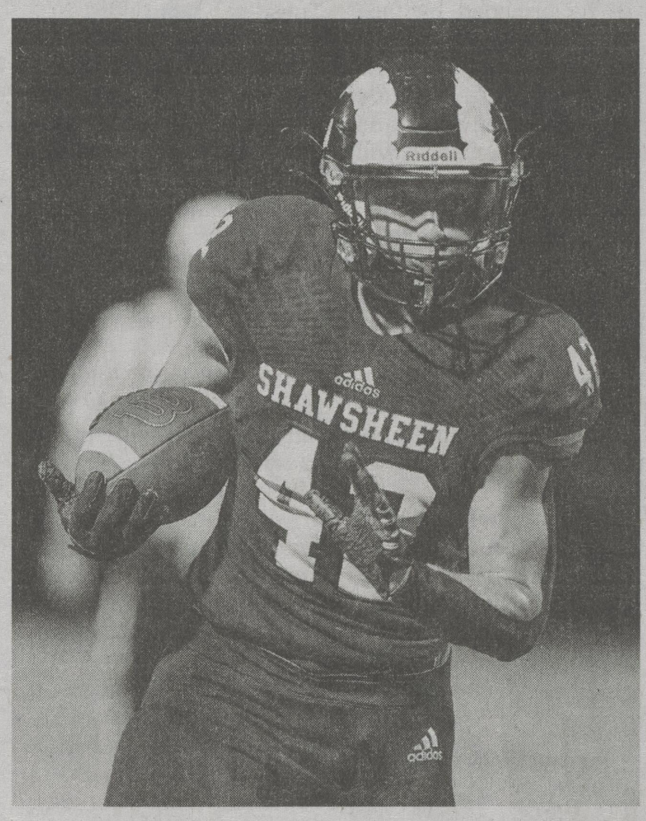
Senior Dyllon Pratt added a 40-yard touchdown run while also making two catches for 68 yards including a 55-yard touchdown.

Cameron Banda also had a solid game running the ball with seven carries for 46 yards.

Senior quarterback Adam Caruso completed three passes for 70 yards and a score.

Banda opened the scoring with a 7-yard touchdown run in the first quarter and Pratt's 55-yard reception followed in the second quarter to make it 14-0 at halftime.

Banda had another 7-yard scoring run for a 20-0 lead and Pratt's 40-yard touchdown run followed in the fourth quarter.



▲ Jake Banda powered the Shawsheen Valley Tech offense Friday night in Billerica, rushing for 259 yards and three touchdowns as the Rams held off Bedford, 20-13.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)

Andrew Santo was 3 for 4 on extra points for the Rams.

Shawsheen plays its next game on Friday at 5 p.m. in Lynn against St. Mary's of Lynn.

CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS FALL

In recent cross country action, the Shawsheen Tech boys team lost to Greater Lowell 15-50 while the Ram girls lost to Greater Lowell 15-49.

Leading the way for the boys were freshman Luke Carceo, Joe McKenna, and Lucas Alessi.

The girls top finishers were Eloise Krochune, Gracie Gaffney and Ellie Matheson.

Shawsheen is back in action on Oct. 8 at home against Lowell Catholic.

GOLF ON A ROLL

The Shawsheen Tech golf team opened the week in style, powering past Greater Lowell with a commanding 184-146 victory on its home course.

Leading the charge were Joe DaSilva and Tyler Frediani, who both fired impressive 1-over rounds of 36, each earning 34 points to secure low medalist honors.

The depth of the lineup shined as well, with strong contributions from Max Carpenter - 38 (31 points), Ryan Dodge - 38 (30 points), Andrew Polley - 40 (28 points) and Ryan Cullity - 40 (27 points).

In its previous match, Shawsheen beat Greater Lawrence on its home course by a decisive 185-112 margin.

Low medalist honors went to Tyler Frediani and Danny Grant, who each carded a steady 1-over par 36 for 34 points apiece.

The Rams' balanced lineup continued to shine with strong scores across the board Andrew Polly - 38 (30 points), Tommy DaSilva - 38 (30 points), Ryan Cullity - 38 (30 points) and Devin DeGennaro - 40 (27 points).

Shawsheen also pulled off a close victory over Minuteman Tech at the Patriot Golf Course in Bedford, finishing with a score of 188-158.

Low medalists for the Rams were Max Carpenter and Jake Care, both shooting an even-par 35 with 36 points each.

Also contributing strong performances for Shawsheen were Ryan Dodge - 37, 33 points, Joe DaSilva - 39, 29 points, Andrew Polley - 39, 28 points and Danny Grant - 40, 26 points.

VOLLEYBALL

The Shawsheen Tech volleyball team piced up a Commonwealth Athletic Conference win against Innovation last week by set scores of 25-6, 22-25, 25-10, 25-9.

Playing well for the Rams was Carley Monteiro with 13 aces and two digs, Hope DiDonato with four kills, Francesca Reardon with 11 kills, two digs and three aces and Maura Kreuger with 30 assists, three kills and two aces.

The Rams (6-3) also swept Whittier Tech, 3-0, by set scores of 25-20,25-6, 25-7.

Senior Francesca Reardon led Shawsheen with 18 kills, senior Maura Krueger added 24 assists and seven aces and junior Hope Didonato chipped in with five kills.

BOYS SOCCER AT 3-5-1

The Shawsheen Tech boys soccer team lost two close games in recent action.

Against Excel Academy on Saturday, the Rams lost 2-1.

Moris Lopez had the goal for Shawsheen with Aidan Boutot contributing the assist.

Last Wednesday, the Rams fell to Lynn Tech, 1-0.

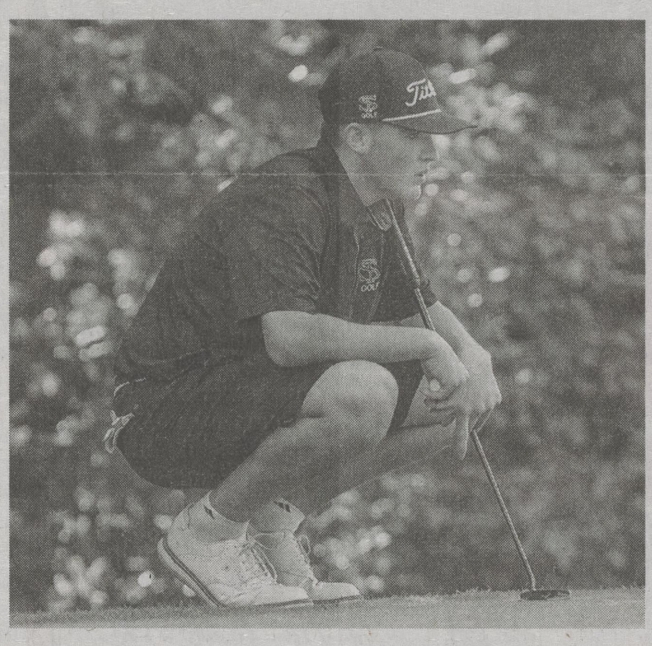
Before the two losses, Shawsheen topped Groton-Dunstable, 4-1.

Jack Morin had two goals to lead the Rams while other scorers included Davide Vitale and Aidan Boutot Vitale and Richard Thomaz had two assists apiece.

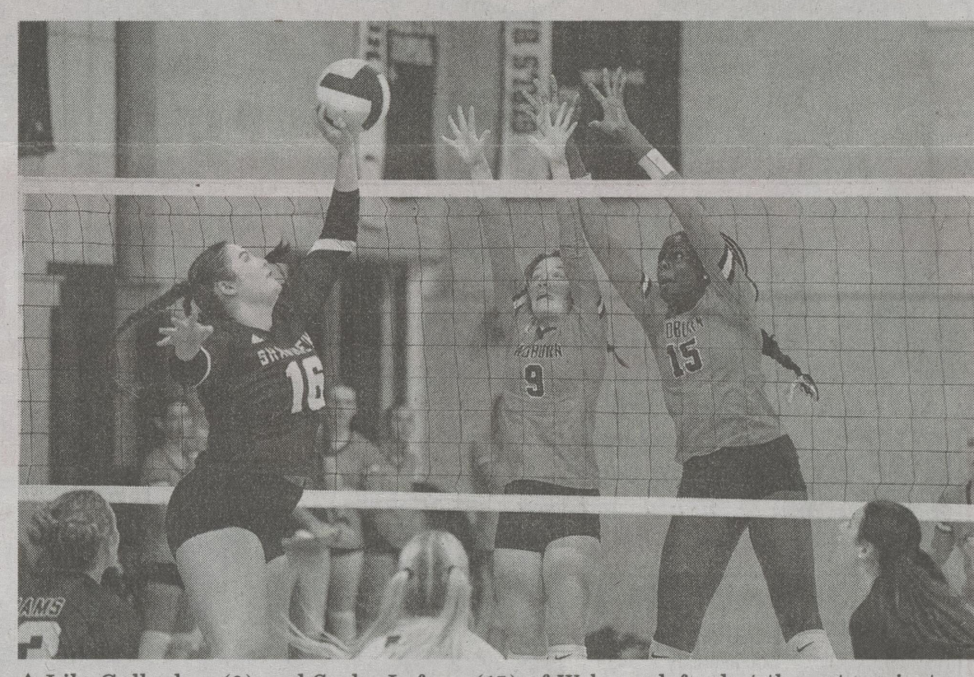
Shawsheen's goalie is Joe Mytych, a junior from the carpentry shop. Mytych was 2-3-1 after six starts with a GAA of 1.83.

The Ram defensive line is spearheaded by junior John Galacia at center fullback, senior Domenic DiCenso and freshman Cam MacArthur.

Shawsheen hosted Greater Lawrence on Tuesday.



◀ Max Carpenter of Shawsheen Tech studies his line on the 14th green during Friday's golf match in Billerica.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)



▲ Lily Gallagher (9) and Sasha Lefang (15) of Woburn defend at the net against Shawsheen Tech's Francesca Reardon on Monday in Billerica. Woburn swept, 3-0.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)

Two big wins for Bantam 1 hockey team

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Moments later, Methuen broke free on a breakaway, but Jageler delivered a clutch save to keep the game even.

With 4:04 remaining in the second, the Wildcats regained control.

Stella Hardiman tied up a Hawks defenseman along the blue line, springing Fogg on the left side. He threaded a pass to Zach Stroud, who buried one on the back door to restore Wilmington's lead, 2-1.

Less than two minutes later, at 2:54, Wilmington struck again.

Zach Saija connected with Fogg, who found Hardiman streaking through the middle.

Drawing the defenseman in, Hardiman smartly dished the puck back to Fogg, who broke free and fired a shot upstairs to extend the lead.

The Wildcats nearly added to their tally late in the period.

Lynch set up Joshua Saija on a cross-ice feed, and Saija pulled both defensemen wide before sliding a pass to Mason King in the slot. Once again, however, the Junior Hawks goaltender refused to yield, keeping the score within reach.

Wilmington would clinch the win when Brayden Warford won the face off after a JR Hawks icing call. Joshua Saija would body check and recover the puck and dish off to Warford, who would ring the post and make it way to the back of the net.

Wildcats record improves to 3-1

WILDCATS BLANK READING

The Wildcats beat Reading with a shutout from Evan Jageler on Sept. 27 at Hockey Town USA in Saugus

The Wilmington Bantam 1 Wildcats keep finding ways to win, and Saturday's matchup against Reading was no different. Behind strong goaltending, steady defense, and a couple of highlight reel goals, the Wildcats skated to a 2-0 victory to improve their season record to 4-1.

The opening tally came late in the first period, and it was beautiful. With just 2:21 left, defenseman Matthew Fogg spotted an opening and fired a stretch pass from his own defensive circle to the far blue line. The puck found Mason King in stride at the offensive blue line, who drove into the slot and ripped a shot on net. Zach Stroud did what good forwards do, went hard to the outside post, he was able to cash in on the rebound for a 1-0 lead.

The Wildcats doubled the advantage in the second period thanks to some hustle and vision from Grayson Lynch. Starting from his own blue line, Lynch carried the puck end to end, used his speed to beat the defenseman wide, then slid a slick cross ice feed to Mason King, who buried it at the far post with 5:59 left in the frame. Mason King is this time, on the receiving end of a back door pass. King is known for finding the opening pass to his teammates.

From there, it was all about defense and goaltending. Evan Jageler was steady as a rock between the pipes, shutting down every Reading chance to earn the clean sheet.

Stopping all 20 shots from the Reading Rockets.

The defensive pairings of Brendan Cyr with Jaydn Onos and Mason Desmond with Matthew Fogg were strong in their own end, breaking up rushes and moving the puck quickly to their forwards.

Up front, the Wildcats rolled two hard working lines: Line 1 featured Stella Hardiman, Brayden Warford, and Zach Stroud, while Line 2 included Matthew Riley, Grayson Lynch, and Mason King. Missing from the lineup was Johnny Raposo, but the rest of the roster stepped up to cover the ice and keep the pressure on Reading all game long.

With the win, Wilmington improves to 4-1.

Next games are Friday night at 8 p.m. in Hockeytown versus Cape Ann and Sunday 7:50 p.m. in Malden versus Lynnfield/Saugus.

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Lifestyle

Celebrate the Halloween season locally this month

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

As the calendar turns to October, many are looking for some fun Halloween themed activities for both young and old.

This October, several local businesses have planned some afternoon and evening activities to get you in the Halloween mood.

On Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025, Mahoney's Garden Center, located at 1609 Main St. in Tewksbury, is hosting a free Pumpkin Painting Event.

This pumpkin event is sure to get your haunted created juices flowing as participants are each given one sugar pumpkin with paint provided to create their own perfect pumpkin.

Hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and no registration is required. This event is open to all ages, but keep in mind that paint can be messy, and sometimes stain, so please dress accordingly.

Starting on the weekend of Oct. 18, Krochmal Farm, located at 31 Jennies Way in Tewksbury, will be hosting their annual Safe Trick or Treat event.

Tickets for this event are $20, and include a 25 minute horse drawn hayride.

Along the way, hayriders will stop to meet some of their favorite, non-scary, costumed characters that will be handing out candy treats for everyone.

Families are strongly encouraged to wear costumes to add to the fun of this event.

After the hayride is over, families are welcome to stay at the farm and enjoy the other fall events Krochmal Farm is hosting, including petting zoo animals, corn maze, pumpkin patch, and plenty of fall favorite foods.

For tickets, visit their website at *www.krochmalfarms.com*.

On Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025, enjoy plenty of seasonal fun at the second annual Fall-O-ween Festival, hosted by the Town of Tewksbury on the town common, located at 1009 Main St.

This free, family-fun event includes pumpkin decorating and kids crafts, sensory-friendly activities, and face painting.

There is also a Haunted House to explore, if you dare, an animal meet and greet, and a Trunk or Treat event.

Plenty of delicious food will be provided by food trucks.

Halloween fun and activities will run from 1 to 4 p.m., and parking and partial street closure will be available during the event.

This seasonal event is made possible by the support of the Town Manager's Office, Tewksbury police and fire departments, school department, Tewksbury Public Library, Council on Aging, and the Department of Public Works.

For those looking for a ladies night out, consider the 5th annual Tewksbury Girls Fall Night Out on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Hosted by Luna Rosa Restaurant, located at 1699 Shawsheen St. in Tewksbury, this event offers plenty of yummy food and drink to enjoy while making a fall craft project.

There will also be free door prizes given away all evening as well as fun trivia games.

Craft projects include making your own perfume, painted wine glasses and fall hostess craft.

Reservations and tickets are required for this event. To make a reservation visit *www.eventbrite.com/e/tewksbury-annual-fall-girls-night-out-tickets-1576613065119*.

Join the fun of making a Halloween Sea Glass Project at T.J. Callahans, located at 1475 Main St. in Tewksbury, on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Although your own personal creativity is encouraged for this craft, there will be Halloween themed stencils and colors to choose from.

Prepared windows, sea shells, colored glass, and other materials will be provided, along with help from trained instructors from The Art Lab and Gallery.

However, you must preregister for this event and choose your frame size at time of registration.

To register, visit the Halloween Sea Glass Windows at TJ Callahan's in Tewksbury event on Facebook. There you will find a link to register at *square.link*.

Looking for a little indoor Halloween family fun? Then consider a fun time at Wamesit Lanes Halloween Lane Party on Oct. 26, 2025 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Have a fun-filled time on the bowling lanes while you and your family are dressed for Halloween in their favorite costumes.

Tickets include two hours of bowling and shoe rental, candy goodie bags for all, free $5 game card, and a chance to be entered in the costume contest. Prizes will be awarded for best costume!

To register a lane and purchase tickets for this event, visit *www.wamesitlanes.com*.

This Halloween season, there is no need to travel all the way to Salem to have some seasonal fun. There is plenty of Halloween fun to be had right here in Tewksbury at one of the many locally run fall season events.

◀ Enjoy the many Halloween- and fall-themed events happening in Tewksbury this month including pumpkin painting and decorating.

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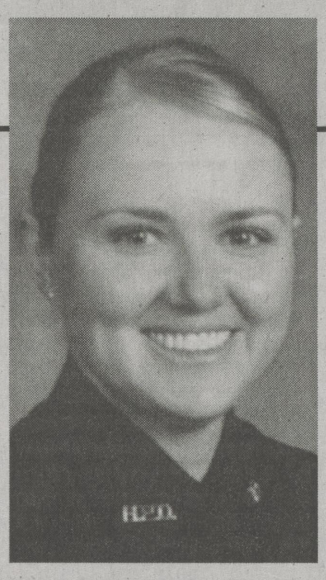
OBITUARIES

Katelyn M. Tully

Enlisted in US Army National Guard



Officer Katelyn M. Tully, age 32, of Haverhill, formerly of Methuen and Wilmington, passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 26, 2025.

Katelyn was born on Sept. 25, 1993, in Plattsburgh, New York. She was the cherished daughter of John F. Tully and Karen L. (Story) Tully. Katelyn graduated from Methuen High School with the Class of 2012.

On April 3, 2014, Katelyn proudly enlisted in the United States Army National Guard for a six year enlistment. She was called to active service and bravely served in Afghanistan for six months, earning numerous awards and commendations for her courage and dedication. She was honorably discharged and returned home to continue her commitment to public service.

Katelyn began her law enforcement career with the Haverhill Police Department. After a period with the Newbury Police Department, she returned to her home at Haverhill Police, where she remained a dedicated and respected officer.

She served honorably on both the Police Honor Guard and the Military Honor Guard, consistently seeking specialized training to enhance her skills and remain current with evolving laws.

The Haverhill Police Department described Katelyn as "a dedicated officer whose presence left a lasting impact on everyone she served beside. She was more than a colleague; she was family. Her quiet strength, unwavering integrity, and fierce loyalty to her duty set a powerful example for all of us. She approached each challenge with grace and resilience, never backing down when others needed her most. She was caring, considerate and compassionate, qualities that defined her both in and out of uniform. Whether offering a listening ear, lending a helping hand, or leading with empathy, she embodied everything we hoped for in an exceptional officer. Her absence leaves a void that words cannot fill, but her legacy lives on in the lives she touched and the hearts she strengthened. We will carry her memory with us always."

Katelyn was deeply committed to physical and mental wellness; she enjoyed working out and was very conscious of eating healthy. She found joy in hiking local trails with her beloved dog, Kendrick, or running her dog Bailey on Plum Island.

Katelyn was planning to expand her career into the healthcare field where she had a special interest in behavioral and mental health advocacy. She was also a very enthusiastic when it came to her fellow female officers and and took every opportunity to support and uplift women in law enforcement, always encouraging others to work hard and strive for excellence.

In her free time, Katelyn loved shopping and name brands were her specialty. She looked forward to heading out to lunch or dinner with friends, visiting local home décor stores and decorating for the holidays, and not to forget visiting the local Starbucks for her favorite Matcha drink.

Katelyn had a unique ability to make others feel seen, heard, and valued, always putting others first. She will be fondly remembered for her unconditional love and devotion to her family and friends, for her beautiful smile that would light up a room, and for huge heart; she was an angel on earth and will forever be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Katelyn was the beloved daughter of John F. Tully of Tavernier, FL (formerly of Wilmington) and Karen L. Tully of Merrimac.

She was the devoted sister of Amanda Tully and her companion Joe Curley of Kingston, NH, and the loving girlfriend of Alex MacMullen of Haverhill, formerly of Groveland.

She was the dear granddaughter of Elizabeth Tumber and the late Gerald Tumber of Littleton, and the late Jerry and Judy Tully.

Katelyn was also a cherished niece to Brian and Lindsey Tully of York, ME, Mark and Nancy Tully of Foxboro, Maura and Robert Puleo of Deltaville, VA, Debbie and Tommy Cappucci of Pepperell, Paul Story of Littleton, and the late Karen (Tully) Richardson.

She is survived by many special cousins, dear friends, and fellow officers.

Katelyn was also the devoted "fur mommy" to her beloved dogs, " sweet boy" Kendrick and the late Bailey, both of whom she adored.

Family and friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Thursday, Oct. 2 from 3 - 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, MA, on Friday, Oct. 3 at 11 a.m. (Please go directly to the Church). Interment with Military Honors will follow at Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Katelyn's memory may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516 or online at *https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org*.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at *www.nicholsfuneralhome.com*

Robin Lea (Strob) Phillips

Avid supporter of US veteran organizations

Robin Lea (Strob) Phillips, age 63, of Kingston, NH, formerly of Wilmington, passed away on Sept. 23, 2025, after a long, courageous battle with cancer.

Robin was born on March 26, 1962, and grew up in Wilmington. After graduating from Wilmington High School in 1980, she attended Endicott College in Beverly. She graduated from Endicott in 1984 and attended the Culinary Institute of America in 1996.

Robin began her professional career as a dental office manager in 1984; she worked until moving to Florida in 1993, where she found her passion in the Food & Beverage and event planning industry.

Robin returned to Massachusetts in 2016 after the passing of her sister, Kim, to be with her dad, family, and friends.

Robin met the "love of her life" Jim Phillips on Sept. 8, 2018; a single dad with three daughters. They built a life, a home, and a family. Robin had found her "happy."

Robin was a lady's auxiliary member of the Wilmington American Legion Post 136, as well as an avid supporter of the American Veterans organizations. She was a huge fan of all the New England sports teams, especially the Patriots.

Robin will be remembered for the love of her family and friends; she was always the one that showed up with a gift, a card, or something special. She was the sunshine of every day for anyone. If you were lucky enough to have met Robin, you became a forever friend and even family.

She always wanted to "do the right thing." She was always kind, caring, and thought of everyone's happiness.

Robin was the dear daughter of the late Timothy E. Strob and Roberta "Bobbi" A. Strob, loving sister of the late baby Lisa Strob and the late Kimberly A. Strob, granddaughter of the late William and Olive Strob and the late James and Barbara Alyward.

Robin is survived by her husband, James E. Phillips and his children, Stephanie L. Doherty and her husband Jay, Kerri A. Phillips, and Kristen M. Mansur and her husband Keith. Robin loved being a "Nana" to Calvin and Ben. She is also survived by her companion dog, Bennie.

Robin was the beloved niece of the late Naomi Landry and her husband Ray, William and Pam Strob, the late Joseph and Edith Strob, Ruth Ann Sampson and her late husband Kenneth, Jack and Linda Strob, and the late Barbara O'Brien and her husband Nick.

Robin will be remembered by her loving cousins Carl, Michael and Steven Abell, Debbie, Connie, and Brian Strob, Tim Sampson, Deanna Sampson Marzolini, Ed Sampson, Linda Sampson Bonney, Charlotte, Anthony and Billy Strob, Jay Strob, Ginnie Sampson Paiva, Eric Strob, Jesse O'Brien, and the late Ray Landry, Jr.

Robin is also survived by her dear friends, Judi Duggan and Mary Ellen Steen Deschenes, as well as many loving friends and her work family at Seurat in Wilmington.

Family and friends will gather for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington on Tuesday, Sept. 30 from 3 - 7 p.m. A Graveside Service will take place in the Wildwood Cemetery, 233 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, on Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Robin's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741 or to the American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters, Attn: Development Division, 3450 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268. *www.nicholsfuneralhome.com*

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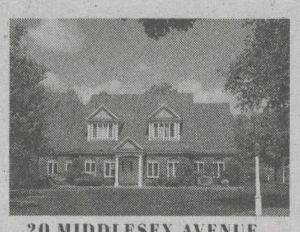

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to:K & M Concrete of 668 Main St Unit 286 in Wilmington MA who is the last registered owner of a

2011 GMC 3500
Vin# 1GD322cG4BF199822

that this vehicle will be sold at auction on or about October 17, 2025 at A&S Towing, 222 Andover Street, Wilmington MA. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.

250990 9/25, 10/2,2/25

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121, Room 9, Glen Road on **Wednesday, OCTOBER 8TH 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** on the following applications:

CASE # 12-25
9 KELLEY ROAD
MAP 51 PARCEL 105

APPLICANT: RONALD BRIERE

SPECIAL PERMIT PURSUANT TO 6.1.6.4 TO REMOVE OLD GARAGE BUILT IN THE 50'S AND BUILD A NEW GARAGE LESS NON-CONFORMING TO THE PROPERTY

250950 9/25, 10/2/25

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Room 9 on **Wednesday, October 8th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** on the following applications:

CASE # 11-25
21 WESTDALE AVE
MAP 73 PARCEL 29

APPLICANT:
STEVEN BALSAVICH

SPECIAL PERMIT PURSUANT TO 6.1.6.4 TO BUILD AN ADDITION CONSISTING OF A NEW KITCHEN, MASTER BEDROOM, 2 BATHROOMS AND AN OFFICE. R20 ZONE WILL BE 10-4 FEET FROM THE LOT LINE.

250805 9/25, 10/2/25

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI25P5044EA

Estate of:
Darlene L Besso
Also Known As:
Darlene Besso
Date of Death: August 22, 2025

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Nastassia Besso of St. Augustine, FL**

Nastassia Besso of St. Augustine, FL has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

251012 10/2/25

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI25P5058EA

Estate of:
John R. Nazzaro
Date of Death: 08/12/2025

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment** of **Personal Representative** has been filed by **Kevin Nazzaro** of **Andover MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Kevin Nazzaro** of **Andover MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/23/2025.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 25, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

251022 10/2/25

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI25P5086EA

Estate of:
Carolyn Juel Jaques
Also known as:
Carolyn J Jaques,
Carolyn Jaques,
Carol J Jaques

Date of Death: 07/04/2025

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment** of **Personal Representative** has been filed by **Dawn Marie DiCicco of Buchanan NY** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Dawn Marie DiCicco of Buchanan NY** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/24/2025.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 26, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

STORM DRAIN PIPELINE AND STRUCTURE CLEANING AND CCTV INSPECTION (FY26)
CONTRACT NO. PW-26-06

SECTION 00020

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for STORM DRAIN PIPELINE AND STRUCTURE CLEANING AND CCTV INSPECTION (FY26), Contract PW-26-06, will be received by the Town of Tewksbury at the Department of Public Works, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876, **until 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, October 16, 2025** at that time and place, Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

In the event of inclement weather on the date of the bid opening in which the Tewksbury Department of Public Works building is closed, the bid acceptance deadline and the bid opening will be rescheduled to 2:00PM on the next date that the Tewksbury Department of Public Works is open. Notification of any rescheduling of the bid opening date will be posted to Accent Printing as an Addendum.

The proposed work under this contract includes but is not limited to furnishing all necessary labor, materials, tools, and equipment to complete storm drainage system pipeline and structure cleaning and closed circuit television inspections, root cutting where necessary, cutting of protruding laterals where necessary, removal, transporting, and disposal of drainage system sediments at the Tewksbury Department of Public Works, maintaining a safe work site, and ordering police details where necessary. The work is anticipated to begin in **November 2025** and must be completed by **June 30, 2026.** The Owner does not guarantee a specific quantity to be purchased, or items to be used. Final quantities will be determined by the Engineer based on bid pricing received and available funding. The Owner and the successful bidder may agree upon a renewal option, by mutual consent, to extend the contract for up to two (2) additional fiscal years based on the terms stated in the Agreement.

Contract Documents are available after 2:00 p.m. local time on **Thursday, October 2, 2025** by going to www.accentblueprints.com, and following the prompts to a free downloadable bid set. Contact Accent Printing at 978-362-8038 with any bid distribution questions. No monetary deposit is required to obtain the documents. Contract Documents may also be examined, but not obtained, at the DPW office during the following hours: 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Each Bid shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in form of a certified check, cashier's check or security bond in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid.

Bidders may not withdraw their Bids for a period of 45 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, after the actual date of the opening of the Bids. Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders.

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development under the provision of the M.G.L. c.149, §26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before Bid Opening to request, if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades' people who may be employed for the proposed work under this Contract.

The Bidding and Award of this Contract will be pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30B. The Owner reserves the right, in its absolute and sole discretion, to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids if deemed to be in its best interest.

John Curran
Town Manager
Tewksbury, Massachusetts
251017 10/2/25

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

FAMILY SUITE SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **October 20, 2025 at 7:00 PM** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Jacqueline and Adam Millerick for a Family Suite Special Permit pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct an addition to the single family dwelling for a family suite as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 905 South Street, Assessor's Map 98, Lot 201, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
251003 10/2,9/25

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SIGN SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **October 20, 2025 at 7:10 PM** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Viewpoint Sign & Awning on behalf of MCP Howland Burtt Owner LLC for a Sign Special Permit pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to install commercial signage which exceeds the maximum allowed as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 6 Executive Place, Assessor's Map 115, Lot 4, zoned Industrial I and Flood Plan Overlay District.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
251004 10/2,9/25

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for Water Leak Detection (Contract PW-26-10) and Hydrant Replacement (Contract PW-26-11) will be received by the Town of Tewksbury at the Department of Public Works office, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876, until 11:00 AM, on October 23, 2025 at that time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The contracts listed above will be for yearly work up to a period of three years total.

Contract Documents are available after 8:00 AM local time on Monday, September 15, 2025 by requesting a set via email to **DLizotte@tewksbury-ma.gov**. No monetary deposit is required to obtain the documents. Contract Documents may also be examined, but not obtained, at the DPW office during the following hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

John Curran
Town Manager
Tewksbury, Massachusetts
251008 10/2,9,16/25

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD

NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

https://www.mass.gov/info-details/tewksbury-battery-project

EFSB 25-08 – Hillman Energy Center, LLC
(Tewksbury Battery Energy Storage System Project)

Project Summary and Public Comment Hearing Overview

Hillman Energy Center, LLC ("Company"), a subsidiary of East Point Energy and Equinor, has asked the Energy Facilities Siting Board ("Siting Board") to grant individual and comprehensive zoning exemptions from the Town of Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw ("Zoning Bylaws") for the construction of (a) a 125 megawatt ("MW")/500 megawatt hour ("MWh") Battery Energy Storage System ("BESS") and related electrical infrastructure, including a new electric substation, at 73-75 Hillman Street in Tewksbury, Massachusetts; and (b) an approximately 1,200-foot electric transmission interconnection line (the "Proposed Transmission Interconnection") (together, the "Project," and jointly, the "Project Site"). A description of the Project Site is provided below.

The Siting Board will conduct a hybrid public comment hearing, with in-person and remote participation options:

Thursday, October 9, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
Tewksbury Memorial High School Auditorium
320 Pleasant Street
Tewksbury, MA 01876

Remote attendees: join by using this link – https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88408639744 from a computer, tablet, or smart device. For audio-only participation, attendees can dial-in at (646) 558-8656 (not a toll-free number) and then enter the **Webinar ID: 884-0863-9744**

To provide oral comments during the hearing (in person, on Zoom, or by telephone), notify Yonathan Mengesha at **Yonathan.Mengesha@mass.gov** or (617) 305-3544. Please provide your name, email address, mailing address, and docket number ("EFSB 25-08") by Wednesday, October 8, 2025. Pre-registered commenters will speak first and others will speak afterwards.

The Siting Board also invites written comments on the Project. Written comments will be most useful to the Siting Board if submitted by **Friday, October 24, 2025**. Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Siting Board proceeding (beyond providing comments at the public comment hearing or in writing) may seek to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant. A petition to intervene or participate must be filed no later than **Friday, October 24, 2025** and must follow the instructions below.

Important Dates

Public Comment Hearing	**Thursday, October 9, 2025**
Written Public Comment Deadline	**Friday, October 24, 2025**
Deadline to file for intervention or limited participant status	**Friday, October 24, 2025**

Public Review of the Company's Petitions

A detailed description of the Project, links to the Company's petition, attachments, and analyses, and periodic updates are electronically available on the Siting Board's webpage for the Project at the URL link and QR code at the top of the first page of this notice. In addition, electronic copies of the petitions and attachments have been provided to the Town of Tewksbury. The Company maintains a webpage for the Project at https://www.hillmanenergycenter.com.

Hard copies of the Company's petition and attachments are available for public inspection at the following locations:

Boston
- Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, 3rd floor, Boston, MA 02110

Tewksbury
1. Town Clerk, Town of Tewksbury, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876
2. Tewksbury Public Library, 300 Chandler St, Tewksbury, MA 01876

In addition, the Company's petitions, including all attachments, are electronically available via the Siting Board's website at: https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/dpu/fileroom/#/dockets/docket/12515.

Public Comment Hearing

At the public comment hearing, the Company will present an overview of the Project. Public officials and members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions and comment about the Project. The public comment hearing will be transcribed by a court reporter. After the hearing, a recording will be posted to the Siting Board's YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/@MaDPU_hearing.

The public comment hearing marks the beginning of a formal, state-level decision-making process focused on whether to approve the Project. Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 3, the Siting Board will determine whether to exempt the Project from zoning requirements of the Town of Tewksbury, based on whether the present or proposed use of the land or structures is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public.

I. INTERVENTION AND PARTICIPATION

Persons or groups who wish to participate in the Siting Board proceeding, beyond providing comments at the public comment hearing or submitting written comments, may seek to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant.

"Intervenor" or "Party" Status: An **intervenor** can participate fully in the evidentiary phase of the proceeding, including participating in discovery (information gathering), participating in evidentiary hearings, filing a brief, presenting comments to the Siting Board on the Tentative Decision, and appealing the Final Decision.

"Limited Participant" Status: A **limited participant** receives documents during the proceeding and may file a brief and present comments regarding the Tentative Decision to the Siting Board.

A petition to intervene must demonstrate that the petitioner may be substantially and specifically affected by this proceeding. See below for filing instructions. For additional information on the Siting Board procedural rules, please see the following link: https://www.mass.gov/how-to/file-a-petition-to-intervene-in-an-efsb-or-dpu-siting-case.

Instructions for Filing Written Comments and Requesting to Participate in the Proceeding

Written comments on the Project, or a petition to intervene or participate as a limited participant in this proceeding, must be sent to the following three email addresses: dpu.efiling@mass.gov, donna.sharkey@mass.gov, akaplan@pierceatwood.com. The filing deadline is **Friday, October 24, 2025**. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding ("EFSB 25-08"); (2) the name of the person or entity submitting the filing; and (3) a brief description of the document. The email should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing.

The request for intervention must state and explain the way or ways in which the requester may be specifically and substantially affected by the Project; a limited participant request must describe the reason for the petitioner's interest and purpose of participation. For more information on the Siting Board's procedural rules, please see the following link: https://www.mass.gov/doc/980-cmr-105/download.

Accommodation Requests and Language Services Requests

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities (e.g., Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) are available upon request. To request an accommodation, please contact:

Melixza Esenyie
Non-Discrimination Coordinator and Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Human Resources, 9th Floor
100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114
eeadiversity@mass.gov, 617-626-1282

In your communication, state the accommodations you need and why you need them. Provide contact information in case the Coordinator needs more information. Provide your request as soon as possible. The Coordinator will consider but may not be able to fulfill late requests.

Language interpretation services are also available upon request to Yonathan Mengesha at (617) 305-3544 or **Yonathan.Mengesha@mass.gov**. Include in your request the language required and your contact information. To assist us in accommodating your request, please submit it as soon as possible.

Non-Discrimination Notice

The Siting Board does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, income, ethnicity, class, disability, religious creed or belief, gender identity, sexual orientation, genetic information, English language proficiency, or ancestry in administration of its programs or activities. See the Siting Board's Non-Discrimination Notice at: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/efsb-non-discrimination-notice-and-grievance-procedure.

If you have any questions about this notice or any of the Siting Board's non-discrimination programs, policies, or procedures, or believe the Siting Board has discriminated against you, you may contact Melixza Esenyie (see above for contact information) for more information.

Contact

For further information about intervention or participation in the proceeding, please contact the Presiding Officer at the email address or telephone number below:

Donna Sharkey, Presiding Officer
Energy Facilities Siting Board
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110
Donna.sharkey@mass.gov
(617) 305-3625

For periodic updates on the Siting Board's proceeding, please visit the Siting Board's webpage for this proceeding via the URL link or QR code at the top of the first page of this notice.

Project Description

Hillman Energy Center, LLC proposes to construct a BESS project on two parcels of land, i.e., Parcel 35-6-MAIN and Parcel 35-7, at 73 and 75 Hillman Street in Tewksbury (the "BESS site") The site occupied by the two parcels, is bounded by Hillman Street to the south, high voltage powerlines to the west, railroad tracks to the north, and Clinton Street to the east. Generally, land uses surrounding the BESS site include existing electric transmission corridors and related infrastructure, extensive wetland areas to the north and west, and commercial/industrial development to the east and south. The Project proposes installation of 169 BESS modules – consisting of lithium-ion batteries housed in above-ground storage cabinets and transformers on concrete slabs – on approximately 4.3 acres of land.

The Proposed Transmission Interconnection line would extend approximately 1,200 feet and traverse four separate tax parcels: Parcel ID 35-4, Parcel ID 35-5, and Parcel ID 49-34, all owned by National Grid; and Parcel ID 11-1, owned by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority ("MBTA"). Per the Town of Tewksbury's zoning map, Parcel ID 11-1, Parcel ID 35-4, and Parcel ID 35-5 are zoned Industrial, and Parcel ID 49-34 is zoned Park District. Additionally, Parcel ID 11-1 is situated in an existing railroad corridor, and Parcel ID 35-5 and Parcel ID 49-34 contain the existing National Grid Substation 22A and wetland areas. In total, approximately 3.8 acres is developed with an existing landscaping business and a truck repair shop. The remaining 0.25 acres of this parcel consists of an isolated vegetated wetland. The 75 Hillman Street Parcel is approximately 0.29 acres in size, contains equipment storage and other industrial uses, and is entirely developed.

The Project Site is located within a Zone II Wellhead Protection Area, as mapped by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. The Company contends that no part of the Project Site is mapped or identified as Outstanding Resource Waters, and that the Project Site does not contain any mapped floodplains, estimated habitat for state-listed rare species, certified vernal pools, areas identified as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, surface water supply protection areas, or protected open space.

Superintendent position posted

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looking ahead, that they had a lot of staff in the same age bracket approaching retirement.

Becky Lord asked about open positions among special education teachers and assistants. Stern-Armstrong explained that a few of these positions had been filled using a staffing agency.

Lord also wondered what helps the district stay staffed. The HR director highlighted their staff retention and positive interview experiences.

Dr. Jenn Bryson gave an update on the search for a permanent superintendent for the school district. She shared that the position had been posted and there were drafts of the timeline for next steps. They were hoping to hold interviews with selected applicants on the 17th through the 19th of November and then deliberate either on the 20th or in the following week.

She asked if there were any conflicts among the committee members with this timeline which she could convey to Stern-Armstrong and to the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) assisting the district in the search.

The other update she delivered included that the screening committee had been assembled and they had an orientation scheduled for Oct. 9. They all had been emailed and accepted the upcoming meetings without conflicts. However, she noted that the survey inviting stakeholder feedback on qualities for a new superintendent had received little response, so she'd asked the MASC to reopen the survey for another two weeks.

She asked community members to respond and provide feedback, adding that the survey would be widely publicized.

Fennelly asked that the survey be sent to students for their feedback, as well.

Interim superintendent to 'drop in' to all eight schools

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and timeline to advance the design, development of a detailed construction document, and MSBA monitoring. The next building committee meeting would be in October.

Thomson shared regret that the Wilmington Police Department's therapy dog, Zena, had passed. He also said that his team would keep Officer Cavanaugh in their thoughts as she recovers from the car crash.

Looking ahead, he planned a few informal drop-ins as part of his traditional entry process to visit the eight schools for three or four hours each. He also would continue meeting with the various PACs and school councils. He scheduled his first superintendent's advisory meeting at the high school at the end of October.

Finally, he mentioned that the first Wilmington episode of his spotlight podcast would be featuring Assistant Superintendent Christine Elliott and focused on the work planned for this year.

Dr. Mike Mercaldi thanked everyone who voted for the MSBA project and those who assisted in getting people to vote.

Turner also thanked former superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand for his efforts in getting Wilmington into the MSBA project, and David Ragsdale mentioned that he reached out to Brand recently to keep him updated about the funding.

Director of Administration and Finance Paul Ruggiero later delivered the draft budget calendar. The new dates were presented requesting information back mid-October and then budget meetings with principals and department heads at the end of October.

Mercaldi asked that the meeting with Public Buildings discuss long-range capital improvement plans, along with next steps for schools to be replaced on the north side of town and maintenance of other schools. Ruggiero confirmed that they could, and he also said that the DPW has a five-year capital plan and maintenance plan.

Ragsdale wondered if the budget meetings scheduled earlier than usual would cause any issues. Ruggiero said that the rush would be on his team's side, not the principal or department heads' side.

Ragsdale asked whether conversations with the town manager were scheduled to review the school department preliminary budget. Ruggiero answered that these typically take place over the holiday break in late December-early January.

Ragsdale's final question was about the budget drivers. Ruggiero named contractual obligations, special education, and transportation as key drivers in budget expenses.

Chair Jesse Fennelly shared that the nurses' union had agreed to a new contract, and then the committee voted to approve the contract, as well.

The School Committee will meet next on Wednesday Oct. 8.

Healey-Driscoll Administration launches Veterans Legacy Trail to commemorate MA250

FALL RIVER — The Healey-Driscoll Administration launched the Massachusetts Veterans Legacy Trail, a first-of-its-kind project cataloging more than 1,200 war memorials across Massachusetts. Developed as a signature initiative of the Massachusetts 250th Anniversary (MA250) commemoration, the Trail honors the service and sacrifice of veterans and military service from the Revolutionary War to the present day.

The new initiative features both an interactive website and a companion brochure, designed to help residents and visitors explore Massachusetts' military history in engaging and accessible ways.

"Massachusetts has always been at the heart of America's story," said Governor Maura Healey. "With the Veterans Legacy Trail, we're connecting Massachusetts residents and visitors alike with the sacrifices of generations who served, and ensuring their legacy is part of how we commemorate our nation's 250th anniversary."

"The Veterans Legacy Trail makes history tangible," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "Whether it's a neighborhood monument like Bunker Hill in Charlestown or a landmark like Battleship Cove, these sites tell stories that belong to all of us — and they help us teach future generations the meaning of service and sacrifice."

"Our veterans' history is Massachusetts history," said Veterans Services Secretary Jon Santiago. "This project is about honoring those who came before us, while making it easier for families, schools, and communities to explore and engage with their legacy. We're proud to partner with MA250 and the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism to bring this vision to life."

"The Massachusetts Veterans Legacy Trail exemplifies the collaborative spirit of MA250," said Kate Fox, Executive Director at the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism. "It honors the courage of those who fought for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, while connecting communities through shared stories. Trails like this invite visitors and residents to explore our state in new ways, strengthening our role as leaders and revolutionaries and deepening tourism, education, and civic pride."

The project was formally launched at Battleship Cove in Fall River with Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, Secretary of Veterans Services Jon Santiago, and partners from the Massachusetts legislature, Office of Travel and Tourism and the MA250 Commission.

About the Project

The Veterans Legacy Trail website offers a searchable map of more than 1,200 memorials in towns and cities statewide. Each entry includes location information, photographs, and historical context. Users can search by region, war era, or community to uncover local stories of service and sacrifice.

As a companion to the digital platform, the Veterans Legacy Trail brochure compliments the digital platform by featuring the top 10 memorials in each of the Commonwealth's six regions. Modeled after the Massachusetts Ice Cream Trail, the brochure provides an easy-to-use, family-friendly encouraging residents and visitors to explore landmarks that define Massachusetts' military history.

The Veterans Legacy Trail website is now live at *mass.gov/vetstrail* and you can view a digital copy of the brochure.

For more information on the Massachusetts 250th Anniversary, visit *www.massachusetts250.org*.

Author describes first time meeting octopus at aquarium

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based author gave vivid examples of the wisdom she's gleaned from animals. Bears, Montgomery explained, were considered the first medicine beings by many Indigenous cultures — a belief supported by modern science showing that bears deliberately seek out medicinal plants.

Elephants, she noted, communicate in low rumbles humans cannot hear, transmitting warnings about poachers across vast distances.

Sharks can detect the heartbeats of nearby creatures, she added, recalling her own calm encounter with a great white off Mexico's Guadalupe Island.

One of the most moving moments of the evening came when Montgomery spoke of her friendship with octopuses at the New England Aquarium, especially a giant Pacific octopus named Athena.

"I plunged my arms into the freezing water," she said. "Soon I was covered in soft, questing suckers tasting me. This animal was just as curious about me as I was about her."

These experiences inspired her bestselling memoir "The Soul of an Octopus."

Montgomery also shared her personal journey. As a child recovering from illness and a head injury, she found solace in her first puppy, Molly. Later, inspired by Jane Goodall and other pioneering women scientists, she left a newspaper job to live in Australia's Outback studying emus.

Along the way she built a chosen family of animals and neighbors — even after facing rejection from parts of her own family.

Montgomery closed the evening by reflecting on the sacredness of the natural world.

"All around us, we are surrounded with animals who love their lives as we love ours, and have so much to teach us," she said, holding up a photo of a 42-pound snapping turtle featured in her latest collaboration, a "turtle trifecta" of books with artist Matt Patterson.

Montgomery offered a simple but powerful message: that wisdom can be found everywhere, if we are willing to listen.

The event was made possible by the Wilmington Memorial Library and the Friends of the Wilmington Memorial Library.

On Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 7:30 p.m., author and local sportscaster Michael Holley will be featured. The event will have a cash bar, book sales, and autograph signing. The event is free and open to all.

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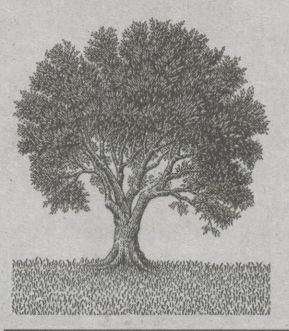

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Wilmington athletes compete in Hyrox event

WILMINGTON — More than 80 Merrimack Valley athletes competed in Boston's first Hyrox at the Boston Convention Center on Sept. 26, 27, & 28.

Representing F45 Studios in North Andover and Wilmington, these local athletes trained for weeks to be ready for this event, which combines a 1 km run with eight high intensity functional exercise stations.

Athletes run 1 km before completing each station for a total of 8 km of running and eight workouts with a goal of completing the event as quickly as possible.

Thousands of athletes from around the U.S., Canada, Europe, South America, APAC and the UK including husband and wife teams, best friends teams, brothers teams, sisters team and gym teams competed and were cheered on by enthusiastic friends and families.

F45 members competed in all men's and women's singles and doubles categories and included a mother/daughter team and a father /daughter team.

F45's North Andover and Wilmington owner Kris Riemer remarked, "Our F45 members have developed a strong community around their shared commitment to fitness. It has been amazing to see each one of them put in the work every day and it all paid off when it came to race day. Your typical completion time is around 90 minutes and the times that our athletes posted were in the 60s and 70s which for many of them was their first Hyrox event."

He and his wife Alexandra have competed in Hyrox events in Washington, D.C. and New York City this year and are registered for Hyrox Toronto in early October. He hopes Hyrox Boston will become an annual event and bring more athletes to Boston for this unique and exciting opportunity.

ABOUT HYROX

HYROX is a global ecosystem of events, training, and coaching designed to inspire and impact 100 million lives. Built around a unique race format of 8 x 1 km runs and 8 workout stations, HYROX has established the gold standard in fitness racing and is driving toward Olympic recognition. By connecting the world's gym communities through the transformative power of training and competition, HYROX is the cultural heartbeat of fitness.

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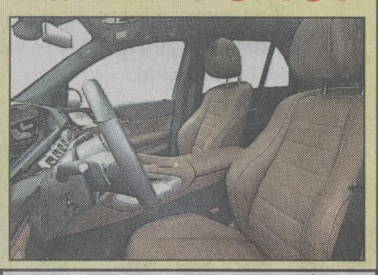

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